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WWN EXCLUSIVE PHOTO!

STUNNING photo shows image of Jesus-like figure strolling up to a Mars rover...

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Contributor

JESUS

A WESTRUCK NASA scientists admit they're "utterly baffled" by a photo taken by the *Spirit* rover — which shows a Jesus-like, humanoid figure strolling on the surface of Mars!

The eerie, translucent figure was photographed as it strolled up to the craft and was taken by the rover's panoramic camera on March 11.

The notoriously secretive space agency is refusing to release the striking image to the media — and tight-lipped officials totally deny its existence — but the high-resolution snapshot has been leaked to researchers, who call it "absolutely amazing."

A handful of NASA insiders have broken their silence, saying this is one discovery that's simply "too big" to keep from the public.

"There's no rational explanation for this strange, glowing image of what appears to be a robed figure standing near the rim of the crater, with no life-support gear whatsoever," says a reliable NASA source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"The whole thing boggles the mind.

dark beard, and is wearing sandals and what looks like ancient garb from the Holy Land. You figure it out."

Remarkably, the dazzling and mysterious image was beamed back just a week [illegible] probe reportedly picked up a radio message from a being claiming to be God.

(See Page 25.)

"It's hard to believe that's a mere coincidence," points out the NASA source, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "It really seems like someone up there is trying to tell us something."

Since arriving on the far-flung alien world, *Spirit* and her sister rover *Opportunity* have made a host of mind-blowing discoveries.

This includes publicly released data pointing to the existence of life on Mars as well as images so controversial, the space agency has struggled with limited success to suppress them.

Into the latter category fall bizarre pictures of what appear to be feline creatures scampering across the planet surface, as reported previously in *Weekly World News*.

Spirit recently unearthed in volcanic rock evidence of past water that could have once supported life. The rover also took the first picture of Earth ever snapped from the surface of another planet. Meanwhile, on the other side of Mars, *Opportunity* captured animated images of Mars'

PHOTOGRAPHED ON MARS!

High-resolution snapshot has top scientists baffled!

ing the mysterious planet that has scientists around the globe buzzing with excitement.

"No one agrees exactly what this means, but everyone agrees it means something big," the NASA source declares.

Top scientists and theologians who've been privy to the startling image now being circulated worldwide via e-mail have come forward with widely varied theories to explain it.

Among them:

1 The Red Planet is the physical location of Heaven.

"As far back as the ancient Greeks, Mars has been associated with a deity — in that case the god of war," says respected German astrobiologist Dr. Werner Hannerman. "Perhaps that's where our spirits go after death."

In his novels about Mars, Tarzan author Edgar Rice Burroughs has his hero John Carter get to the Red Planet by astral projection, the expert notes. "Burroughs may have been close to the truth — if that's where Jesus is, isn't possible that our souls are all somehow drawn there?"

While this would explain the presence of Jesus, the theory has found little favor with Bible scholars who expect Paradise to be a "more hospitable" and aesthetically appealing environment.

2 Before or after visiting Earth, Jesus traveled to Mars and

could be Jesus still lingering on Mars after completing His mission," explains British astrophysicist Dr. David Hale-Whyte, who received the photo from a U.S. colleague.

"Or it could be some kind of hologram created by the Martians who worshipped Him eons ago — a high-tech version of a stained-glass window that has survived long after the Martians died out and all signs of their civilization crumbled into dust."

3 Aliens projected the image because they know it has a positive meaning for humans.

Yet they "might not even know exactly who Jesus is," as one expert puts it.

4 Christ manifested himself on Mars to encourage humans to visit the Red Planet — or, alternatively, as an urgent warning to stay away.

The Rev. Jerry Huddleworth, a renowned Bible scholar who was faxed a copy of the photo, is "95 percent certain" God wants U.S. astronauts to blast off for Mars.

"President Bush has a close personal relationship with God and the Almighty knows the president would interpret that image as a welcome mat," says the Houston-based minister.

"President Bush has already announced plans for a manned mission for Mars — this is clearly a sign that Our Lord approves."

Another odd photo taken by Spirit recently after the Jesus picture shows a thin, short streak of light in the sky.

"One theory is that the streak was a meteor," reveals the NASA source. "Or, conceivably, it might be the old *Viking Orbiter 3* from the 1970s, which is still circling Mars.

"But a lot of the more religious folks here at NASA insist it was one of God's angels coming with a message for Christ."

SEVERAL NASA insiders believe that the image of Christ on Mars is authentic and definitely a message from God.

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freakiest news stories from around the globe!

TRIBE INSULTED BY [illegible]

TRIBAL leaders in New Guinea are angry about a magazine's contest to send a reader to their remote island, calling the "cannibal sex holiday" promotion racist and insulting.

Benny Wenda, head of a tribal coalition working for independence for West Papua, New Guinea, says he'll officially protest the contest by Britain's *Zoo Weekly*. The men's magazine described Papuan tribes engaging in cannibalism and "random rapes."

"It is stupid and insulting," says Paul Kingsnorth, spokesman for Free West Papua. "There have been no documented cases of cannibalism supported by any decent evidence for the last 50 to 100 years, and probably not at all."

[illegible] WANTS STATE TO PAY FOR VISITS TO BROTHELS

AN OUT-OF-WORK man is pushing the German government to pay $3,000 a month for special unemployment benefits: sex and pornographic videos, because his wife has left him!

The 33-year-old man says he's suffering from "sexual withdrawal" since his wife returned to her native Thailand. He says he can't afford to go to Thailand, so he wants the state to pay for his porn and for regular visits to a brothel. A court has thrown out his lawsuit, but the sex-starved man reportedly plans to appeal.

[illegible] LOSES $1 MILLION ON JUNK PAINTING

AN ART collector is threatening to sue a privy gallery where he bought a painting for $1 million — and then learned the picture is just a paint-by-the-numbers job that's barely worth $20.

"And most of that is the frame," says the appraiser who uncovered the alleged fraud.

Art lover Fredrik van Bergken paid $1 million for the painting, which the gallery claimed was a rare work by an obscure but respected landscape artist from the early 1920s. "One of our curators discovered it at a garage sale, and purchased it for a large sum we cannot disclose," says a gallery spokesman.

But the too-good-to-be-true find was challenged by art critics, and gallery owners discovered to their horror that the work had been created from a paint-by-the-numbers kit.

The gallery has fired the curator who bought the work and refunded van Bergken's money. But the collector says

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THE LIVE 'TOUPET' IS GREAT

— THE ONLY PROBLEM IS RABBITS TEND TO POOP A LOT!

DEAR EDITOR: Thanks for your article on Toupets, the live bunny rabbit "hairpieces." As soon as I read it, I sent for one immediately. Having been bald as a cue ball since the age of 15 (I'm 46 now) and a lifelong animal lover to boot, this just seemed perfect for me. So far it's worked out pretty well, but there's one thing your article didn't mention, which is the fact that rabbits tend to poop. A lot. The Toupet did come with instructions for "headbreaking" it, but it's a long, difficult process. Until then, I've taken to wearing a fake pony tail with a hollow tube inside, which does a pretty good job of collecting the pellets. — Steve P., Boston, Mass.

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Dear Editor: I have some predictions which I would like to share with your readers:

SARS, salmonella and mad cow disease will be stopped in their tracks by a common household remedy.

Los Angeles will have a large earthquake this year. But it won't be "the big one" and the epicenter will be off the coast.

The so-called "E.T.s" (extraterrestrials) will be shown to be time travelers from the future, not aliens from another planet.

There is buried treasure under the Alamo that will change U.S. history. It has to do with Spanish royalty.

Look for more weird weather — cooler than average temperatures in hot weather areas and warmer temperatures in normally cold areas, plus more rain.

Look out for the following on June 8, 2004: Either a meteor shower or some other celestial phenomenon.

There are a few of my predictions. Let's see how many come true! — George K., Phoenix, Ariz.

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Dear Editor: Old Ed Anger writes the best column in the country, bar none. However, once in a while his nose gets bent a little out of perspective — like when he compared Dubya's travesty in that of squeaky clean "Honest Abe Lincoln" (February 10, 2004).

Lincoln was a lawyer. Need I say more? — Dale C., Hammond, Ind.

Ed Anger replies: Good point, Dale. But I'm not too crazy about being referred to as "old." I don't need any reminders!

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: Shame, shame, SHAME on that nasty North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il! To take something as sweet and innocent as the Hokey Pokey and turn it into an instrument of torture (March 22, 2004) is a truly unspeakable offense. I am a retired grade school teacher who often taught the beloved children's song and dance to my students, and this story turned my stomach. — John M., Florence, Kan.

Dear Editor:

Just as you suggested, I wore my thong to work on Weekly World News' Wear Your Thong to Work Day (March 22, 2004), but much to my chagrin, when I arrived I found that I was the only person in the bank wearing one! To add insult to injury, that afternoon my boss, the head teller, called me into his office and proceeded to shamelessly proposition me! He told me he'd never realized before that I was such a hotty, and then he used that stupid old line: "If I said you had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?" I guess he assumed I had to be "easy" just because I was wearing high heels and no skirt or slacks. Anyway, I reported him to our H.R. department, and they fired his sorry butt the next day. So thanks, WWN, for your Wear Your Thong to Work Day. Without it, I might never have known what a dis-

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS MEDICAL UPDATE:

MAD SHRINK: I CAN RESTORE A WOMAN'S VIRGINITY WITH HYPNOTIC REGRESSION

By MEG DELANIE

SUPER SHRINK Dr. Harold Conner says he can restore a lady's virginity no matter how many guys she's slept with, through the awesome power of hypnotic regression.

And medical doctors who have examined more than 50 of the controversial psychiatrist's patients say that, sure enough, regardless of sexual history, the women are physically indistinguishable from completely inexperienced gals who have yet to be deflowered.

"We expected to debunk his claims but came away true, if puzzled, believers," says Dr. Martha Shapp, a gynecologist who, like Conner, practices in Detroit.

"After sessions with Dr. Conner, women undergo physical and psychological transformations that involve the restoration of the hymen and the return to a state of sexual innocence.

"This is virginity by anybody's definition. There's no getting around it."

Conner says he began looking for a way to restore virginity after numerous deeply troubled female patients — including divorcees, reformed prostitutes and remorseful teenagers — came to him for counseling.

"They wanted a second chance at innocence," he explains. "I knew that medical science couldn't provide it, but I firmly believed that the human mind could.

"I also knew that hypnotic regression is an effective means for taking patients out of the present and placing them in the past.

"And once the regression is under way, it's a simple matter to make suggestions that the patient will both act on and experience after they 'snap out of it' and return to the present.

"The human mind is powerful and its potentials are unlimited. We've all heard of dying patients who have 'willed away' their cancer.

"With my help, my patients 'will back' their virginity — not just mentally but physically."

Jennifer, a 31-year-old woman who asked that her last name not be used, says Conner "is dead-on."

"After four failed marriages, two live-in love affairs and more boyfriends than I care to count, I was no virgin," she says. "And I'm no spring chicken, either. So when I decided to give romance one more shot, I wanted an edge — something to help me find my true soul mate.

"What Dr. Conner did for me — I still get choked up just thinking about it. He made me brand-new again. My whole outlook changed. And my new husband couldn't be happier to have married a virgin, especially one who saved herself 50 years for him."

Sessions with the shrink aren't cheap — he charges $500 per hour and most women need four to six sessions to complete their virginity restoration. He's also the only psychiatrist in the world who offers the unusual service, although he expects that will change as word of his successes gets out.

"I used to wonder if I was really helping my patients with their problems, but now I know that I am," says Conner. "I used to think that I might have been better off in

HULA-LAH!

MAILING from the great state of Hawaii is a real hospital feast, the marvelous Menehune. This eye-catching islander is a petite 5 feet, 4 inches tall, and her other numbers add up to an impressive result: 125 pounds on a generously proportioned 36D-25-35 figure. The brown-eyed, brown-haired beauty loves travel, family, friends and fun, especially when it involves outdoor activities. Now we know why Hawaii is called the Aloha State!

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

BUSH PROPOSAL TO BEAT GLOBAL WARMING:

SWIMMING POOL IN EVERY BACKYARD IN AMERICA!

– FOR FREE!

SOON even poor folks will be able to enjoy swimming in private pools, just like Beverly Hills big shots.

By VICKIE YORK, Correspondent

GET your bathing suits ready! In response to the global warming crisis, President Bush is set to propose a federal program to build swimming pools for every American family by 2015.

"This proposal will prove that, despite what his detractors may say, this president takes the threat of global warming seriously," explains a White House aide.

"Those who already have pools may use the funds to buy additional air-conditioning units, ceiling fans or sun block. Plus, every citizen will be issued an easy-to-read pamphlet on how to treat heat stroke."

The administration is confident that the proposal, to be formally announced in about eight weeks, will make a big splash with voters come November.

"In most parts of the country only the well-to-do have pools. Now all Americans will have them," says the aide, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "This is better than promising a chicken in every pot."

Global warming is caused by carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping pollution — mainly from cars, power plants and other industrial sources — that collects like a blanket in the atmosphere. Environmental scientists predict that at the current rate, average U.S. temperatures will soar as much as nine degrees by the end of the century. Droughts and wildfires will be more frequent, they warn, and mosquitoes carrying deadly tropical diseases will expand their range.

Although this has been accepted as fact by most of the scientific community for years, the Bush administration was initially skeptical. The president even ridiculed Andes discussed a mountain of data as "junk science" and suggested that experts warning of catastrophic climate change were hysterical Chicken Littles.

Soon after taking office, the president incurred the wrath of allies by rejecting the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty to set limits on pollution.

In 2002, the White House grudgingly conceded that global warming was real but it has done little until now to address the issue.

In addition to providing funds for pools, the administration is also expected to propose:

- Replacing football with water polo as the primary sport at the high school and collegiate level.
- Government subsidies to lower the cost of producing sun block.
- Tax breaks for companies that allow workers to forgo jackets and ties.

A conservative scientist who had pooh-poohed global warming for more than a decade himself hailed the proposals.

"These sound like good, solid, common sense steps," he says. "President Bush is taking decisive action without overreacting. A nine degree temperature rise is nothing to panic about."

But environmental activists insist Bush isn't doing enough — and pan his pool idea.

"These proposals demonstrate an almost unbelievable lack of understanding of the issue," declares Bess Campbell, director of the D.C.-based Environmental Crisis Research Center.

"The biggest danger of global warming is that melting polar ice will cause sea levels to rise, flooding coastal areas worldwide. A lack of places to swim will be the least of our problems."

3 WAYS TO TELL IF YOUR GUY IS CHEATING ON YOU!

YOU CAN TELL if your husband or boyfriend is cheating on you by watching for three warning signs from the American Federation of Psychologists and Marriage Counselors:

1. Your honey bunch quickly changes his clothes and showers when he gets home so you won't smell telltale perfume or see lipstick that rubbed off during a tryst.

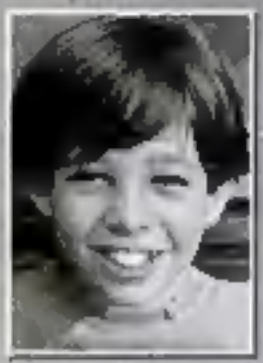
2. Your guy starts dressing to look younger or cooler than you know him to be. That's a sure sign he's trying to impress a new love interest.

3. Your guy starts showing an interest in women's jewelry and fashions that he's not buying and bringing home to you. If you notice him window-shopping when you go to the mall or lingering over ads in magazines, he may be looking for fancy gifts for his girlfriend.

KID YANKED 12 MILES THROUGH THE AIR — AFTER KITE GETS TANGLED WITH PLANE

PILOT SAVES THE DAY WITHOUT HARMING A HAIR ON THE BOY'S HEAD!

By PAUL BRADY
Correspondent



SAFE after his ordeal, Randy Kenilworth endured a hair-raising flight

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Randy Kenilworth couldn't wait to fly his new kite, but when all was said and done, the kite flew him — for 12 mind-boggling miles, after it got tangled on the wing of a small plane.

And believe it or not, the brave third-grader came through the ordeal without so much as a scratch, thanks to quick-thinking pilot Paul Hunnack. The retired Air Force captain flew straight to his brother's farm, where he "bounced" his single-engine Cessna to break the kite's string — and drop the screaming boy in a shallow pond adjacent to a pig sty.

"I was scared," Kenilworth told reporters from the hospital room where he was held overnight for observation.

"The string was wrapped around my hands and I couldn't let go. I told God I'd be good and pray every day if He would just get me down.

"I closed my eyes because I was afraid to look. And then I fell in the pond."

The drama unfolded on a Saturday afternoon after the boy's mother, Sandy Kenilworth, 34, picked up a kite at a supermarket in Plano, Texas.

But just as the child got it airborne, Hunnack flew by at treetop level — and accidentally snagged the kite with the wing of his plane.

"Everything happened so fast — Randy and I made eye contact for a split second and then off he went and all I could hear was him screaming, 'Mommy!'" she recalls.

"I didn't know how to react. My stomach turned upside down and all I could do was run into the house and dial 911 and start yelling, 'An airplane got my son. He's hanging from an airplane.'

"They thought I had lost my mind."

Meanwhile, Hunnack — who could see the boy hanging from the kite string and feel what he called "serious drag" on his plane — knew he had to do something to get the boy off the wing, and fast.

"If I tried to land I'd be dragging him down a runway at 120 miles per hour," he says. "My mind was racing with other options, none of them good. I knew the kite string could break at any moment.

"So I kept a low altitude while I tried to figure out what to do."

The pilot says it "suddenly occurred to me that my brother's hobby farm was just 12 miles away."

"I started thinking, 'Pig sty — drop him in the pig sty. No, wait, drop him in the pond,'" continues Hunnack. "And that's exactly what I did. It took me about six minutes to get to the farm, and I was praying hard: 'Dear God, just let him hang on.'

"The only time I stopped praying was when I called my brother on my cell phone and told him to call an ambulance and get his butt over to the pond."

To snap the string at just the right spot, Hunnack — a former stunt pilot — tilted the right wing up, then down, and then up again, breaking the string with a "whack."

"My timing was good," he says. "The kid landed smack in the middle of the pond."

Hunnack's brother fished young Kenilworth out of the water, and was stopped to find that he was unhurt.

The ambulance arrived and raced the boy to a hospital, where doctors proclaimed him healthy but kept him in a room overnight just to be sure.

"Mr. Hunnack came to visit me and now he's my friend," says Kenilworth. "He even takes me for rides in his plane."

Says his mother: "If you're ever going to get a kite tangled up in an airplane, try to make sure it's got a good pilot. Otherwise you might not have such a happy outcome as the one we got."

EEEEE MOM-ME

JACK THE TRIPPER

Chicago police launch manhunt for cruel prankster!

By JOE KELLY
Correspondent

NO LAUGHING MATTER
Jack the Tripper's victims may suffer physical injuries — not to mention feelings of embarrassment.

HE HAUNTS the shadows, lurking in dark alleys and closed storefronts, his one aim in life to hurt and humiliate as many people as possible by sticking out his leg and tripping them.

Already, seven people have suffered concussions, broken bones and severe bruises after stumbling over the outstretched leg of an urban prankster who disappears as quickly as he attacks.

Now lawmen have launched a multicity manhunt for the man they're calling Jack the Tripper — before he really hurts someone.

"So far, the victims have been adult men and women," says a senior Chicago police official. "Next time it could be a nice old lady or a child.

"And I'll tell you right now — if an elderly lady falls, breaks her hip and dies of pneumonia because we didn't do everything we could to catch this heartless creep, then that is the day I turn in my badge and my gun."

Chicago is one of six cities that have joined a special Tripper Task Force aimed at snaring the cruel practical joker. Detectives are also coordinating leads and tips from San Francisco, Atlanta, Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston.

Task force members angrily deny accusations that they're wasting precious resources on minor assaults. "Some victims don't even report the incidents because they're embarrassed," says one officer. "We're trying to help these victims if they think we're wasting our time," says an Atlanta cop.

One of the victims, a 22-year-old medical student from Boston, suffered minor brain damage when the Tripper's trip slammed her head first into a brick wall. Three months later, she is still suffering blinding headaches and is finding it hard to keep up with her studies at an Ivy League medical school.

"It's not just that I got hurt so bad," she says tearfully, struggling to put her thoughts together. "But it was ... embarrassing. I felt stupid."

Unfortunately, like every other victim of the Tripper, she did not see enough of her attacker to provide even the vaguest physical description.

Police have just one clue. All the victims do remember the Tripper's feet was clad in blue high-top sneakers, possibly men's size 11 or larger.

"Normally we wouldn't give out information like that," says the head of the Tripper Task Force, "but we have so little to go on we're hoping it might spark someone's memory.

"Maybe someone has a husband or a boyfriend or a roommate who wears size 11 high tops in blue, and maybe they'll decide to do the right thing and contact us.

"This is classic passive-aggressive behavior, which is exhibited by both men and women but which almost always takes physical form."

Franz Seidenbilly, a noted psychiatrist, "Women generally avoid making physical contact with their victims. And while they can exhibit behavior even nastier and more vicious than men, generally they do not attack strangers."

Police also believe they are searching for a suspect who has the money and time to pull his pranks in cities as far apart as San Francisco and Atlanta.

Cops urge anyone with information on the Tripper to contact their local police department as soon as possible.

THE OTHER JACK

- Mary Anne Nichols, Martha Tumer, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride and Catherine Eddowes were London prostitutes who were murdered and dismembered by the notorious Jack the Ripper in the autumn of 1888.
- Jack killed two women in one night, Sept. 29, 1888.
- The perpetrator of these chilling atrocities was never found, although many theories as to his/her identity persist to this day.

HOW TO FIRE-PROOF YOUR JOB

. . . BY AVOIDING THE TOP 10 THINGS THAT DRIVE BOSSES NUTS

By KEELY DUNN
Correspondent

HARDLY ANYONE ever gets fired for doing a lousy job — it's bad attitude or lazy work habits that'll get you booted, says a top management guru.

"If you just work hard, fit into the company mold and don't make their life too hard, most bosses will keep you around forever no matter how poor your work," says J. Peterson Noughton, author of the upcoming book *Survival of the Fittest: Protecting Your Job in a Vicious Economy*. Noughton surveyed 50 major American companies and uncovered 10 fatal mistakes that really can get you canned:

1 COMING IN LATE AND LEAVING EARLY. When you routinely struggle in an hour after you're supposed to, that's pushing it. "Some workers even have the audacity to duck out early on the same day they came in late," says Noughton. At least call the office if unavoidable problems like traffic have you running behind.

2 CLOCK-WATCHING. Do you bolt like a racehorse out of the starting gate at exactly 5 p.m., or demand overtime for 10 minutes' extra work? "Legally, you're entitled to do both," says Noughton. "But it doesn't exactly show your team spirit. And will you give up 10 minutes' pay when you take 10 minutes extra at lunch?"

3 MISSING CHANCES. So the copier broke 10 minutes before the big presentation, or your idiot work partner didn't hold up his end of the project. "Just admit you screwed up," Noughton advises. "Then tell her how you're going to fix it or make sure it doesn't happen again, and keep your promise."

4 CONSTANTLY MAKING PERSONAL PHONE CALLS. An occasional emergency call is unavoidable. Do your gossiping on your own time.

5 CONSTANTLY CALLING IN SICK. "No one's health is ever 100 percent tip-top, and sometimes we have to struggle through some pain," says Noughton. "If you're skipping work every time you get a sniffle, your boss may replace you with someone more dependable."

6 NOT GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR PEOPLE. "Spewing your germs all over the office and making everyone else sick is not the way to be a team player," says Noughton.

7 SCREWING OVER CO-WORKERS. "If you keep running into the boss' office whining about your co-workers, you could end up being shown the door — permanently," Noughton says.

8 BRINGING YOUR PERSONAL LIFE TO THE OFFICE. "If you slack off and claim you 'can't concentrate' because you're having trouble with your girlfriend, your boss may make sure that you get to spend plenty of time with her — after he fires you," Noughton warns.

9 PRESENTING INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE. Undies, midriff t-shirts, micro-minis and makeup that looks like it was applied with a shovel could get you sent to a place where there's no dress code: The unemployment line.

10 WASTING COMPANY TIME ON THE INTERNET. "This is the No. 1 productivity problem in the American office today," blasts Noughton. "It's a wonder that anything ever gets done. And you'd better start watching yourself, because a lot of companies have installed spy software that tells them who's working on sales reports and who's reading porn."

FOR 10 JOBS YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT (TURN TO PAGE 19)

The Adventures of BAT BOY!

by P. Bagge '04

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ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

UFO PILOT CRASHES INTO DAM

. . . WHILE YAKKING ON HIS CELL PHONE!

THE PILOT of a flying saucer that careened into a German dam was yakking on a cell phone when the tragic wreck occurred.

That's the astonishing revelation of a U.S. Air Force captain who was flying alongside the mysterious vessel in an F-16 fighter jet and witnessed the spectacular crash in the Wiesbaden Mountains.

"I was close enough that I could see through the darned window into the cockpit," says the American airman, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

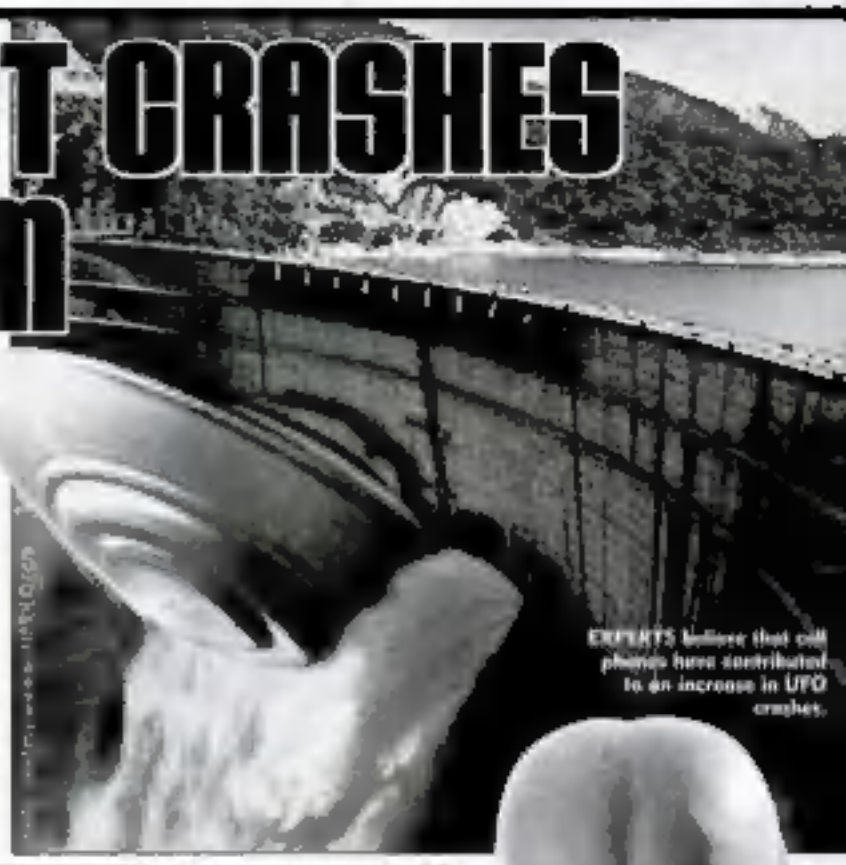
"The creature operating the unidentified vessel was clearly an alien and he was talking into a small, hand-held communication device.

"It was obvious the alien pilot wasn't paying full attention to what was going on around him. At some points I was no more than 15 yards away, and yet he didn't seem to notice me.

"By the time he looked up and saw the dam, it was too late. He tried to pull up at the last second but — kaboom! He slammed right into it."

U.S. Air Force officials refuse to discuss the incident, which occurred March 10 near Hahn Air Force Base. But an expert with the National Transportation Safety Board, which has investigated several UFO wrecks on U.S. soil in the past, says the incident should be a warning to us all.

"The fact that a super-advanced being with hundreds of times more brain power than a human still has trouble driving safely and chatting at the same time tells us just how dangerous it is when we talk on our cell phones while speeding down the highway.



EXPERTS believe that cell phones have contributed to an increase in UFO crashes.

By VINCENZO SARDI
Correspondent

"Had the alien been paying attention to the road, he would have seen the dam and avoided it."

The crash occurred at 6:45 p.m. when the UFO appeared on radar screens at the base. Military officials immediately ordered two fighters to the area to investigate.

"The craft was about 90 feet in diameter and cruising at Mach 1.5 — close to our top speed," says the captain. "Several of my buddies had seen UFOs before, but the saucers always zoomed away before they could get close.

"But in this case, we were able to pull up right next to him."

When the U.S. pilot saw the saucer was heading straight for the dam, he tried his best to warn the extraterrestrial.

He says, "I got on the radio and shouted 'Alien pilot, heads up. Dam at 12 o'clock.'

"He looked annoyed and started trying to adjust his communicator as if he were getting interference."

Sadly, the doomed E.T. did not have time to eject before the impact.

Reports on damage to the dam were unclear at press time but the vessel is believed to be a total wreck. Nevertheless, a search-and-rescue team failed to recover any remnants of the craft.

The whole incident has been labeled "top secret" by the Pentagon.

Surprisingly, the alien may not have been discussing anything particularly important, such as invasion plans. A German UFO buff in nearby Koblenz was monitoring the airwaves at the time and claims he picked up a signal being beamed into space.

"We're still struggling to translate it, but it seems they were talking about the weather," reveals flying-saucer enthusiast Jorgen Hauptman.

CELL PHONE FACTS

- More than 125 million people are now registered as cell phone users.
- By 2005, there will be at least 200 million cell phones in use across the country.
- There are already more than 350 million mobile phones sitting in landfills. That number will grow by more than 115 million phones per year.
- Cell phones are the most dangerous consumer product ever invented. Each year, they cause more than 100,000 deaths and injuries.
- Cell phones are the leading cause of traffic accidents.
- Cell phones are the leading cause of pedestrian deaths.
- Cell phones are the leading cause of bicycle accidents.
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phone, you won't hear a dial tone. They don't use them.

- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) each regulate wireless telephones. The FCC ensures that all wireless phones sold in the United States follow safety guidelines. The FDA

JOHN KERRY IS AN ALIEN!

'No human has a head that long and narrow,' says doctor

By KAT CALLAHAN

SEN. John Kerry's surprising come-from-behind win in the Democratic presidential primaries wasn't the result of smart campaigning, say experts who've studied the aristocratic politician's craggy face and deliberate mannerisms.

The truth they say, is that Kerry is an alien!

And his political makeover was the result of retooling efforts on his home planet just before hightailing it to Iowa and New Hampshire where he began his steady march to become the likely Democratic nominee for president.

"Look at the bald forehead, the elongated nose — clearly the marks of an alien being," says one doctor, who has analyzed dozens of photos of the candidate.

"No human has a head that long and narrow," he adds.

Kerry's mannerisms, speaking style and public way of moving are other clues to the candidate's other world origins, says Walter Burlingame, an analyst at the World Network on Extraterrestrial Studies.

The South African organization claims that hundreds of world leaders and opinion makers are actually alien "ghosts" from other worlds who were sent here to infiltrate Earth's power structure and take over the planet from within.

"Ted Kennedy is another one we suspect, and his close relationship with Kerry leads us to believe that he is Kerry's alien handler on Earth," says Burlingame.

"We also have our eye on Tony Blair, England's prime minister, going too far in the opposite direction from Kerry.

"And we've started taking a hard look at the powerful Greenspan presidency of Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve and Bush. Furthermore, the longer Kerry talk shows exist, the more Greenspan is obviously working to influence world financial markets.

"We haven't been able to figure out what Earthlaugh is up to — his goal may simply be to drive the planet into mass anarchy through the use of meaningless gibberish.

But it's Kerry whose getting most of the newsprint these days. Burlingame says because of the strong possibility that he may take over the White House in November.

Our suspicions were raised in November 2003 when Kerry fired his campaign manager and began working more closely with Kennedy," he says.

Within weeks he'd met with the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, an unheard of comeback.

Where, of course, he had been."

Burlingame claims Kerry underwent extensive operations to repair that were probably engineered by Kennedy who has had a close relationship with Kerry in their years together in Congress.

Burlingame says the procedures included replacement of a chin implant and repairs to the aristocratic cheekbones, his true alien face.

"People accused him of having had Botox or some other kind of facelift, which was actually not far from the truth," Burlingame says. "It's just that the doctors weren't your ordinary plastic surgeons."

ARTIST'S rendition of what John Kerry's face might look like on his home planet — without the aid of plastic surgery to look more human, says!

Kerry's transformation has been heralded as one of the U.S. presidential politician's most dramatic in the White House.

"Kerry and Bush really accept that delivered in ways that matter to the aliens and the aliens seem to be happy with Bush's performance although they're a little nervous about this Mars stuff," he says.

"What we can tell is the aliens were pleased enough to greenlight the other Democrats still in the primaries, especially Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt.

Now that he's done that they seem to have lost interest.

ALIEN OR HUMAN? YOU DECIDE...

Below are political and financial leaders who, like Kerry, are believed to be from another planet.

Hey, ladies! Here are some do's and don'ts to make you . . . LOOK GREAT IN CLOTHES NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE!

By BRENT PAULEY
Correspondent

WOMEN can look good in clothes no matter how old they are, with tips from Lacey Keone, a gay fashion guru who has helped millions of over-the-hill gals overcome sagging breasts and saddlebags, love handles, ironing-board bums, wrinkles, flab and even loathsome cellulite to look their best well into old age.

"We want to showcase you and your maturity and hide all those disgusting imperfections," says Keone, 38, of San Francisco, whose exciting new book, *Forget the Wrinkles and Live Again*, is slated for a summer release.

"If you want to run around like a teenager with your boobs flopping out, you're going to make everyone throw up.

"But if you accept the fact that most women age like cheap screw-top wine — badly — then you can choose fashions and accessories that cover up what's unattractive and accentuate what's not.

"My mother is 47 and she still looks great as long as she stays away from that bikini of hers and lays off the black hair dye."

Here, from Keone's book, are some fashion do's and don'ts for the older woman, which he defines as all gals over the age of 35. Take them to heart, he says, and you'll look good even if you are over the hill.

DON'T bare your tummy with skimpy halter tops and low-rider slacks or jeans — unless, of course, you want to punish someone by making them go blind.

DO hide cellulite and saddlebags under baggy pants and skirts. Cottage-cheese thighs are a curse — so why flaunt them? Be discreet. Cover them up. Remember: there's nothing wrong with wearing a dress, shorts or even long pants to the pool or beach, especially when the alternative is worse.

DON'T wear hot pants for the very same reason.

DO wear a bra. There's nothing wrong with tapping off a hot, uncomfortable brassiere when you're home alone, but you should always wear one in public. According to Keone, "There's no worse sight than a 55-year-old woman traipsing around in a Rolling Stones T-shirt with bowling pins bouncing off her belt buckle."

DON'T wear outrageous or severe hairstyles, such as beehives or buzz cuts and other boyish or punk styles. Older gals look better with soft, traditional hairstyles. Remember: If you can't get your hair colored by a professional, leave dye out of the picture. Mature women aren't called "blue heads" and "Brillo heads" for nothing, sag.

DO steer clear of bikinis. Leave them to teenagers and women in their 20s who've got boobs and buns worth seeing.

DON'T wear see-through clothes. Like the bikini, they're designed for former women at the full bloom of youth — not for gnarly oldsters with gravity-challenged bods.

DO leave miniskirts on the rack at the store. Tight-fitting skirts that show a lot of leg and reveal every bump don't look flattering on

GAY FASHION GURU
Lacey Keone

her belly hanging over the front, her cellulite hanging out the back — and spider veins running up and down her legs like a tangle of streets on a road map. Yikes!

DON'T wear wild stockings, like trendy fishnets and embroidered varieties. Older gals need a traditional look that flatters their maturity. The last thing you want people to think is that you're trying to hang on to your disco years.

DO avoid dressing down in the grunge style. Sloppy clothes make older women look like big ladies, not young, vibrant rebels.

DON'T wear heavy makeup. It won't make you look better — it will make you look like you're trying to cover up something, and of course, you are. Leave it to the young folks and hookers who can handle it.

AN ELEGANT, sophisticated suit — W

Shotgun [illegible] loaded with gun [illegible]s ashes

THE WIDOW of a gun enthusiast made sure her late hubby went out with a bang.

She had his ashes loaded into cartridges and fired off by his hunting buddies during the last day of the season!

After having him cremated, she had a cartridge company mix his remains with traditional shot.

Then the widow invited 20 of the deceased man's closest pals to a hunting party at an estate in Aberdeenshire, England.

"The shells were used to bag pheasants, ducks and a fox on Saturday Estate," according to the *London Telegraph*.

MAN FALLS OFF ROOF - MOUNTING LUCKY HORSESHOES

A SHOE FACTORY owner who was almost bankrupt hoped to turn things around by climbing the roof and hanging a few horseshoes to bring good luck.

But the talismans didn't exactly do the trick — hard-luck boss Boonchai Lotharuangphung, 43, slipped and fell to his death!

The factory, located north of Bangkok, Thailand, was suffering from declining sales in recent months. An associate gave the Wilted Businessman the horseshoes, proclaiming that they would ward off bad luck.

Well done!

A GREAT-GRANDMOM accidentally baked her tubby cat in a 200-degree oven along with a batch of cookies. When Belinda Crowe cracked open the oven door to check on her gingersnaps, Pitchers the cat jumped out unharmed, [illegible]

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EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

SICKO GETS FOLKS HOOKED ON HUMAN FLESH say cops!

Did killer mix body parts with pork?

ACCUSED of murdering 22 women, Robert Pickton may have mixed some of their flesh with meat from his pig farm, say worried investigators.

LAWMEN and public-health officials have some grisly news for anyone who got meat from a pig farm run by an accused serial killer: He may have given them bits of human flesh along with the pork!

Robert Pickton, 53, is awaiting trial for the murders of 22 prostitutes who've disappeared from around Vancouver, British Columbia, over the past decade. More than 60 prostitutes have disappeared from Vancouver's rugged Downtown Eastside neighborhood.

Investigators think at least 22 of the women were killed at Pickton's pig farm in Port Coquitlam, 20 miles east of Vancouver, where he raised and slaughtered pigs for a part-time income. He is officially charged with 15 murders, and prosecutors say they're getting ready to file seven more counts.

Pickton was arrested in February 2002. Last month, investigators began looking into possible cross-contamination of pork with human flesh at his farm.

"Given the state of the farm, and what we know about the investigation, we cannot rule out the possibility," says Perry Kendall, an officer with British Columbia's provincial health department. "Cross-contamination could mean that human remains did get into or contaminate some of the pork meat."

Officials say they don't think the general public is at risk. Pickton handed out meat only to friends and acquaintances, and was not licensed as a commercial meat processor — he didn't sell to retail stores.

But the news has shocked and horrified people throughout British Columbia, especially families of the dead women.

"I'm not eating dinner tonight," says a victim's relative.

CRIME BLOTTER

THEM LAUGH'S TO HER DEATH

Four teens lured another youth into a field, where three fit threw beer kegs to death — and then the four friends took $500 from his dead body and used the cash for a drug binge, one of the murderous gang has testified at trial.

Eighteen-year-old Justice Morley pleaded guilty to murder and agreed to testify against her co-defendants, Edward Bettig Jr. and Nicholas and Domenic Cain. She faces up to 25 years in prison for her part in the death of 16-year-old Jason Sweeney in Philadelphia.

Morley told jurors she promised sex to Sweeney and lured him into the field, where he was jumped and killed by the three other teens.

Police say the gang claimed that before the alleged attack, they had listened several times to the Beatles song "Helter Skelter," which mass-murderer Charles Manson has said inspired his 1969 murder spree.

SNAKE FOUND IN BABY'S DIAPER

An Indiana state trooper says he changed a baby's diaper after stopping the vet's parents for speeding, and found a snake coiling inside!

The baby's father is challenging the search as unconstitutional.

The trooper says he picked up the 18-month-old during the traffic stop, and noticed a large lump in the baby's diaper. He says he began to change the diaper, and found a bag of crack.

ROBBER STEALS PLANE

A Houston man ended a four-day drunk by stealing an airplane and crashing it into power lines, according to police.

Sources say the man broke into four hangars at a Houston airport and took off in a two-seater Cessna, using the handbook to get airborne — he'd never flown a plane before.

After flying for about a mile, the panicked flyer crashed into some power lines, which cut off electrical service to a large area.

The pie-eyed pilot was unhurt, but

RAP SHEET

DAVID CROSBY

ARRESTED BY WITH GUN, WEAPONS CHARGES

ARMED with more than David Crosby checked out of a hotel and forgot something important. A bag stuffed with a gun, ammunition, two knives, marijuana, a marijuana joint and some cigarette rolling papers, according to New York City cops.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office has filed drug and weapons charges against Crosby, 62, who was released on bond and is due in court to answer the charges May 19.

According to the D.A.'s office, a housekeeper at the [illegible] was cleaning Crosby's room after he checked out. She found a bag with a gun in it. The hotel security manager looked further and found a loaded .45 caliber gun as well as ammunition, knives and drugs.

Lawmen say Crosby then called the hotel and asked about a bag he'd left behind. He was arrested when he returned to pick it up.

Crosby is best known as a founder of the 1960s bands The Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. He was performing in the area with his current band, CPR.

Crosby was convicted of a drug charge in 1985 — Texas, and did a year in prison before the case was overturned on appeal.

DOPE OF THE WEEK

FLASHER CAUGHT WITH PANTS DOWN

IF YOU'RE going to expose yourself to someone, zip up your pants before you run off in the opposite direction to get away with the disgusting crime.

A 34-year-old flasher forgot this important tip, and was easily caught when his pants fell down around his ankles as he fled from a woman he had exposed himself to in Bakersfield, California.

The flasher started to run as they pulled up, and that's when

right there, ready to lend him.

Sources in Bakersfield, California, say the disconcerted exhibitionist had just dared a woman to check him out. She accepted and alerted nearby police, who quickly drove to the scene.

The flasher started to run as they pulled up, and that's when

GREEDY PLUMBER CHARGES FOR FIXING TOILET

BY VICKIE YORK/Correspondent

[illegible] homeowner [illegible] saves him from heart attack!

— and the damned bowl is still leaking!

PORKY plumber Hank Robertson suffered a heart attack while fixing a toilet, and keeled over dead. But miraculously, he was revived by the homeowner — who happens to be a cardiologist!

But instead of thanking his lucky stars for the events that put his savior at the right place at the right time, the greedy plumber has hit Dr. Terence Hastings with an outrageously padded bill for his work — close to $600! And he's threatening to sue if the doc doesn't pay up.

"This guy gives new meaning to the word 'ingrate,'" grumbles Dr. Hastings of Adelaide, Australia. "Mr. Robertson had no pulse when I found him there sprawled on the tiles — he would have been a goner if I had not brought him back from the ... In my wildest dreams did I think he would bill me for this kind of behavior.

"I certainly didn't bill him for my services as a doctor after saving his life."

Among the dubious items listed on the plumber's invoice:

- $3? for "project assessment"
- $?? "fecal matter" surcharge
- $?? for unspecified materials
- $?? for travel time
- $??? for labor

Adding insult to injury, the toilet Robertson was called to repair still isn't working right.

"It's still running day and night just as it was before he got there," complains Dr. Hastings.

The case is particularly shocking because it took place in Australia, where down-to-earth folks rarely sue each other.

"If the guy was an American, it would be different — everyone knows ...

... the plumber ... a half hour on the afternoon of Saturday, March 4, when Dr. Hastings' wife Sandy went into the bathroom to use the toilet.

"She'd totally forgotten he was working on the toilet and walked right in," the heart doctor explains. "There was the plumber flat on the floor, face down. Sandy started screaming for me.

"When I got there the guy was in terrible shape. His skin was ice cold, he was white as a sheet and he wasn't breathing. I started CPR while Sandy called for an ambulance."

By the time emergency workers ...

... "he first ... called him ... the ambulance, he gripped my hand and said 'Thanks Doc,'" Dr. Hastings recalls. "That made it all the more shocking when I got the bill two weeks later."

Robertson, who has been hammered with stinging criticism since the story appeared in the local press, declined to be interviewed. But his wife angrily defended her money-grubbing mate.

"I'm sure that doctor doesn't work for free — you can bet he charges every patient who walks into his office a pretty penny," she says. "Now Hank may not have some fancy med...

My America

BY ED ANGER DOUBLE FEATURE

ED LAUNCHES PETITION DRIVE TO FREE MARTHA STEWART!

PLEASE PARDON MARTHA STEWART

Dear President Bush,

We the undersigned agree wholeheartedly with [redacted]ekly World News columnist Ed Anger that you should pardon Martha Stewart as soon as possible. Please don't let that nice lady spend one single day in jail. America will be a better place if you let Martha do what she does best: Teaching gals how to be queens of the kitchen. And instead of prosecuting housewives, have Attorney General John Ashcroft and your Justice Department investigate shady businessmen like those Halliburton honchos who've been overcharging taxpayers for everything from bath towels to oil — not to mention thieves, murderers, rapists and other REAL criminals.

Sincerely,

Signatures go here. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

FOLKS, regular readers can most likely reckon how fired up I am about this stupid conviction of Martha Stewart. For months before the trial, I was writing columns preaching that Martha was being [redacted] and President Bush ought to pardon her.

We need Martha on TV doing what she does best: Teaching housewives how to cook, keep their houses spick-and-span, and turn their homes into castles for their menfolk.

What good is she going to do in jail? Sure she may be able to teach a few prison lesbians how to dress, walk and talk up like ladies, but what about the millions of other women out there?

Without Martha on the air soon all the hard work she's been doing will be undone. And American wives will be back to burning their bras, ordering their husbands to do half the housework and all that other women's lib garbage.

That's why I'm asking millions of Weekly World News readers nationwide to join me in the Pardon Martha Stewart Petition Drive.

Sign the petition at the

MARTHA STEWART

left, and then get all your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family members to put their names down too.

And ladies, if your husband [redacted] want to sign, I have an idea. Go on a household-duty strike until he comes around. I mean it. No ironing, no mopping, no washing the dishes and sure as heck no cooking till he signs on the dotted line.

And believe me, when he sees what kind of world he'll be living in with Martha Stewart behind bars, he'll yank the pen right out of your hand and sign bigger than old John Hancock himself. I guarantee it.

When your petition sheet is full, mail it to me here at WWN and we'll do the rest. And maybe, just maybe, we can get this terrible miscarriage of justice reversed by you.

When your petition sheet is filled with signatures, send it to Ed Anger's Free

Bush official is right:

OUTSOURCING IS GREAT FOR AMERICA!

I'M MADDER than Mahatma Gandhi with no safety pin for his diaper at how critics are piling on that White House official who said that outsourcing is good for America!

For those of you who've been watching the fishing channel instead of CNN, outsourcing has become the political hot button issue of 2004.

No one cared too much when Dot-coly kind of job getting shipped overseas was low paying factory work like making dip-dogs. But now computer scientists, engineers and other desk jockeys are on the unemployment line because companies are farming out the work to places like India and Pakistan.

Nowadays, odds are, when you call a technical support line after your PC goes on the blitz, that all-American computer geek "Bob" that answers the phone is really a guy in Calcutta named Bukalesh. And if he uses slang like "No problem, that's crack," it's because he learned it in an intensive course.

Now what got everybody's dander up in a big way was that Gregory Mankiw, the chairman of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisors, recently came out and said outsourcing is a good thing.

Well, the Democratic presidential candidates jumped on the guy like white on rice. Mankiw had no idea he'd ever hear from that many people after he published that paper in Alaska. And the White House almost had to backpedal from the outsourcing is good line faster than a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat can say "Benedict Arnold."

But I say that Bush officials were just as right as rain. Outsourcing is GREAT for America.

If we outlaw all those desk jobs for computer nerds, account suits, engineers and other pencil-pushers, America can finally get back to living off the fat of the land like our great ancestors did. In the days of Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett, we just plum hung on their fat, eating in front of the TV until a bear or a big-game chips just as the good Lord intended. There will be no more fast-food efforts, auto "inventors-cents" and parkers getting so obese from eating their lunch inside behind a desk so they can't walk normal either.

Instead, we'll all be self-sufficient and proud, like the Cartwrights in Bonanza. Pa Cartwright and his boys didn't sit around scratching their heads and wanting to see if their next paycheck had a pink slip in it like most workers do today. They were too busy riding out guns drawn, every time some Indians who look enough to set them on the Pendernas, to order him, "Get off our land!"

And you know who'll benefit the most from outsourcing? Our underpaid, overworked, stressed-out CEOs. Right now, corporate America is run by a bunch of wimps who can't tell a buffalo from an Apache chieftain. But when outsourcing has driven the cost of labor down to next to nothing, they'll get back to running the globe-girdling, job-shedding, profit-gushing empires that the great Scots meant for them to be. And Washington and its overpaid flacks will be out of the picture.

And because that's the values that made this country great in the first place, everyone benefits. Everyone.

India and Pakistan are getting up to fight over their most cherished war and they each other to bits. But if we cut all the materials and wimps, your overdrawn computer needs. They'll be too busy fighting to keep up the good work. Unless you're not really making the American people richer, more powerful and prosperous by outsourcing, you're saving millions of lives.

Unload desk jobs overseas so we can live off the fat of the land like our ancestors, Ed says!

After marrying in San Francisco . . .

LESBIAN SUES WIFE WHEN SHE TURNS OUT TO BE MAN IN DRAG

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

CURVACEOUS blonde lesbian Tara Gerwell was ecstatic when she married her significant other along with hundreds of other gay couples at San Francisco's City Hall. But just weeks later, she's filing for an annulment and suing her "wife" — who turned out to be a man in drag!

Devastated Tara, who tied the knot with the person she knew as Francine Maltinno after a whirlwind romance only to discover he was a guy named Frank, is asking for unspecified damages for "pain, suffering and humiliation." The suit also demands reimbursement for the $5,000 she shelled out for their two-week honeymoon in Hawaii.

"I got caught up in all the excitement," admits Tara, 25. "Personally in retrospect, I didn't get to know this person as well as I should have."

Busty, shorthaired Frank Maltinno doesn't look particularly feminine, but that didn't faze the bamboozled bride.

"I thought 'Francine' was just very butch, which is the type I go for," she explains.

Shockingly, longshoreman Maltinno confesses he pulled the cruel hoax just to win a $300 bar bet.

"One Friday night, my buddies and I saw this hot chick sitting at a bar and we noticed she had a gay symbol tattooed on her ankle," explains Maltinno, 35.

"I'd had a few and got to boasting that I could get her anyway. Surprisingly, I ended up betting that in a mere six weeks, I could get her to marry me.

"The whole thing got out of hand. I know what I did was wrong and I apologize."

But ticked-off Tara isn't accepting any apologies from the insensitive jerk, and neither is her attorney.

"We're also asking the district attorney to look into possible criminal charges," she says, adding that what Mr. Maltinno did amounts to rape by deception.

Tara says that when "Francine" swaggered up to her at the bar the following Friday, decked out in a leather mini, she felt an instant attraction.

"She came on real strong and that made me feel attractive," the luscious lesbian recalls. "She was no Jennifer Love Hewitt, but she seemed like a protective, take-charge person."

She and Francine went on only nine dates before the bogus butch finally popped the question.

"During that time we did a lot of kissing, but we never went beyond first base," Tara reveals. "Francine said she was old-fashioned and I respected that."

"When we saw all those gay marriages on TV Francine said she wanted to make an honest woman of me, so I said I thought 'Why not?'"

Incredibly, even on their honeymoon, the like lesbian was able to maintain the deception. On their wedding night — during which Francine insisted on making love in the dark — Tara was led to believe her partner was using a realistic sex toy to pleasure her.

"It turns out that was all Frank," she says. "Thinking about it makes me sick to my stomach."

Tara only learned the horrible truth when the couple had into a high school buddy of Maltinno's at the resort.

"He kept calling me Danielle or 'Frank,' which at first I thought was an old nickname because she was an identical twin," she says. "Then he brought up how they were on the football team together and I realized I'd been made a fool of."

TERROR SUSPECTS WILL BE JAILED – EVEN IF FOUND INNOCENT!

WE WON'T have to worry about suspected Al Qaeda terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay ever bursting us — the U.S. plans to keep them jailed indefinitely, even if they're found innocent of all charges!

Pentagon officials have confirmed that Camp Xray prisoners will still be kept in detention, even if they are found not guilty by U.S. military tribunals, according to the BBC.

"Detainees could be kept prisoner if they are considered a security risk," the BBC report states. "If found guilty, they could

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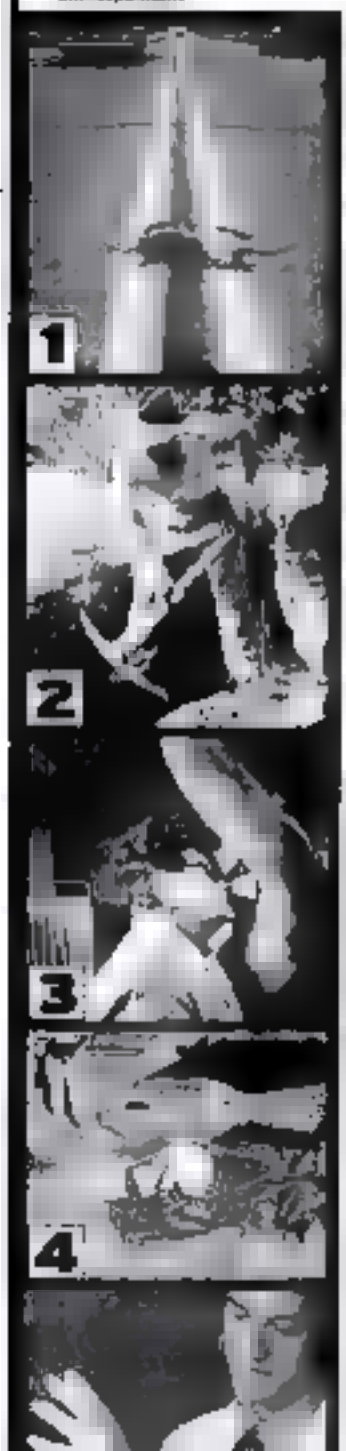
10 JOBS YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT COMPANIES TAKING OVERSEAS

By NED FINGERLING
Correspondent



YOU'LL NEVER have to worry about greedy corporate fat cats giving you the ax and transporting your job overseas if you pick the right line of work, say experts.

In fact, your job security will be all but guaranteed.

"The chances of these jobs ever being exported to a foreign country are next to nothing," say the authors of a landmark study conducted jointly by the U.S. State Department and Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in Washington.

"But there is a caveat. As greed-crazed American businessmen fire more and more U.S. workers and replace them with foreigners who'll work for pennies on the dollar, the competition for these positions from your local cell friends, neighbors and family members will increase."

Here, from the study, are the Top 10 Most Secure Jobs in America:

1 [illegible] MANAGEMENT. Average salary: $20,000 to $50,000 per year. Men and women who scrape road kill off the highways earn $20,000 to $50,000 a year, depending on the state that hires them.

The federal study concludes that these jobs "are safe for an obvious reason. There's no economic benefit to be had from moving dead skunks, possums, pets and other animals to a foreign land so somebody else can clean them up."

2 [illegible] DIGGER. Average salary: $11,900 per year. Americans have ditches to dig, foreigners have ditches to dig. "And never the twain shall meet," says the federal study. "This is one of those jobs that has to be done on location, like making an authentic movie."

3 [illegible] AND [illegible] SUPERVISOR. Average salary: $23,000 to $30,000 per year. "These not-so-coveted positions in deodorant and feminine-hygiene products are usually filled by men and women with average self-esteem issues," says the federal study.

4 SEPTIC TANK [illegible]. Average salary: $18,000 per year. "Wading around in raw sewage is another job that makes foreigners turn up their noses," says the study. "Besides, they know nothing about septic tank engineering. When they need to relieve

You might not like 'em, but you'll never lose 'em!

kinds are in short supply in developing nations and the so-called 'bonan leaders' of the profession, proctologists are uncommon," advises the study.

"That is one medical specialty that you'll only find in wealthy nations such as the United States."

For those who don't know, proctologists are "butt doctors," specializing in problems of the rectum.

6 [illegible] SURGEON. Average salary: $60,000 per year. "The concept of health insurance is unknown in developing countries because nobody has the money to buy it," says the study.

"Only in America will people spend a fortune on life-insurance premiums month after month and year after year knowing full well that when they do get sick, there's a good chance they'll be told, 'Sorry, this procedure isn't covered.'"

7 TV [illegible] ANNOUNCER. Average salary: $112,000 a year locally, $750,000 a year nationally. Bubble-headed blondes and grossly effeminate male news readers "are in extremely short supply in developing countries," says the federal study, "but America is full of them."

8 PET GROOMER. Average salary: $30,000 per year. "People in the developing world eat dogs and cats like popcorn," notes the study. "So it's doubtful U.S. pet owners would risk sending their animals overseas for a bath and haircut even no matter how much money they could save."

9 [illegible] TESTER. Average salary: $31,000 per year. "American men who 'test drive' prophylactics under 'real world circumstances' have what the study calls 'excellent job security primarily because men in developing countries won't wear them — as evidenced by massive and worsening overpopulation.'"

10 [illegible] MECHANIC. Average salary: $160,000 per year. Head scratching American mechanics make money hand over fist for their bosses by misdiagnosing problems and "repairing" vehicles several times for the same problem.

"Third World mechanics don't have

POLITICIANS PLAN TO PUT THE BRAKES ON AMERICA'S DRIVERS

By MICHAEL CHIRON

LIBERTARIANS are fighting to put the brakes on a shocking Democrat plan to ban the manufacture of cars that can go faster than 45 m.p.h. by 2006.

"We've seen our rights as Americans to drive as we wish eroded over the years, but now Washington bureaucrats are going too far," blasts Chester Hampsing, president of the American Association for Motoring Rights.

"If this law ever went into effect, anyone of age is still behind the wheel will be forced to putter down the highway like an 80-year old retired schoolmarm on a Sunday drive in the country."

But proponents of the skullduggerous scheme argue that making physically impossible for cars to exceed 45 m.p.h. will save lives and be good for the environment.

"Currently, the number of highway deaths averages more than 43,000 nationally," says a leading congressional Democrat who supports the plan.

"Our studies show that if cars couldn't go no more than 45 m.p.h. that figure would be cut nearly in half. Doesn't that make whatever pollutants auto manufacturers would have to introduce on the assembly line worth it?"

"And won't it be nice to know you'll never get another speeding ticket on the highway again?"

The plan is being kept under wraps until after the November election.

"We don't think a Republican president will sign this bill, but we're confident a Democrat will," reveals the lawmaker.

That enrages Hampsing's group, which accuses liberals in Congress of trying to slip the law through "under the radar."

Hardball tactics are justified because the number of highway fatalities is so horrifying, the congressman says.

"Why, in the entire Vietnam War, we [illegible] out. That means today's high-speed cars just aren't safe."

Lowering posted speed limits would help do the trick.

"We've tried listening with the speed limit before and the problem is some motorists will always floor their motors at the signs and drive as fast as they want," the legislator says. "There are cars on the road that can go over 125 m.p.h. and that's just crazy."

Experts agree that faster cars burn more gasoline.

"At a time when we're trying to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, that's got to be a real concern," the congressman says.

"And lowering [illegible] also means reducing the release of [illegible] the atmosphere and global warming."

The proposed measure would pause in the manufacturing industries with a maximum speed capacity of 45 m.p.h. for next year's models.

This angers Hampsing, who describes himself as a libertarian.

"We shouldn't be telling car manufacturers what to do," he says. "The government already has too many regulations on motorists. Just you [illegible] and they [illegible] drivers [illegible] where is this going to end?"

His group plans to fight the legislation "tooth and nail."

[illegible] Americans [illegible]

NEW LAW DEMANDS ALL CARS MUST HAVE TOP SPEED OF JUST 45 M.P.H.

TOM RIDGE, head of Homeland Security

FBI: PTA GROUP WAS SECRET TERRORIST CELL

By MIKE FOSTER
Correspondent

A PTA organization in Los Angeles has been unmasked as a terrorist cell with ties to Al Qaeda, law enforcement sources confirm.

At least 12 parents and teachers affiliated with the organization in suburban L.A. — many of them seemingly "All-American soccer moms" — were led off in handcuffs after a lightning raid on the elementary school auditorium where the cell held its meetings.

Another dozen or so members who were absent for the meeting were nabbed by lawmen at their homes, while shopping or running errands.

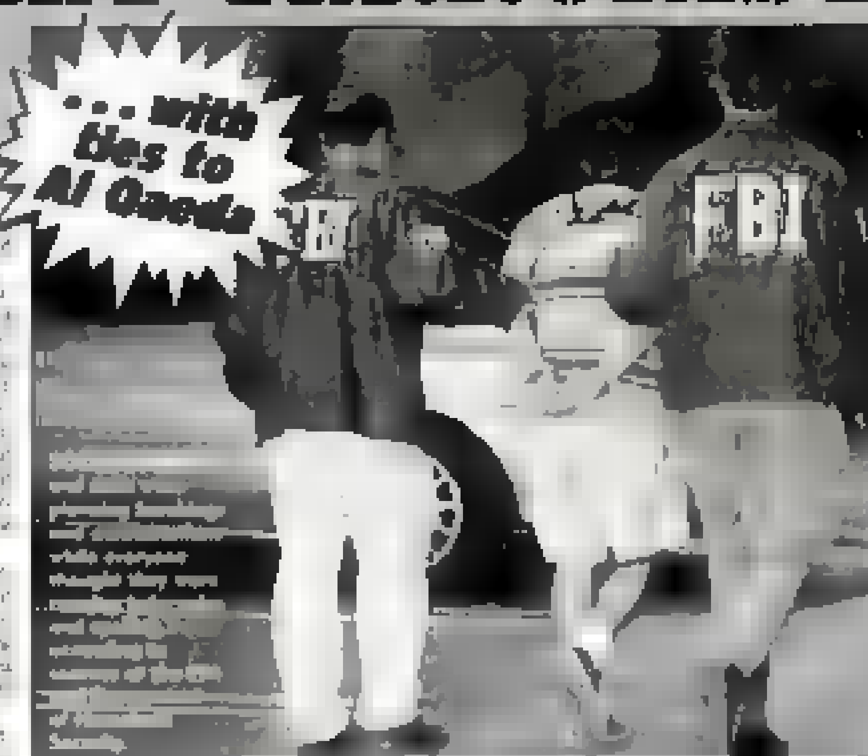
"They seemed very surprised to find themselves under arrest," says an FBI agent. "These are ladies who drive SUVs and shop at Walmart.

"On the surface, they seemed to their neighbors [illegible]. But in reality they were engaged in deadly plots against the U.S. government and against their fellow citizens."

Under provisions of the Patriot Act, none of the names of the arrestees have been released to the press. Nor can the school be publicly identified. But the husband of one detainee, identified [illegible] only as Stephen M., said he was stunned to learn that his wife had been picked up by federal lawmen as she left the beauty parlor.

"I thought at these PTA meetings all they did was talk about what the lunches at the school [illegible] and stuff like that. [illegible] I had no idea they were planning bombings and assassinations," he says.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, the PTA group has been linked to a sinister underground organization called the People's Revolution Brigade. The [illegible] gang of militants has been connected to a [illegible] list of terrorist attacks — including the Madrid train bombings in which more than 200 people were killed.



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Shockingly, many members of the PTA cell [illegible] before being [illegible] by the Brigade.

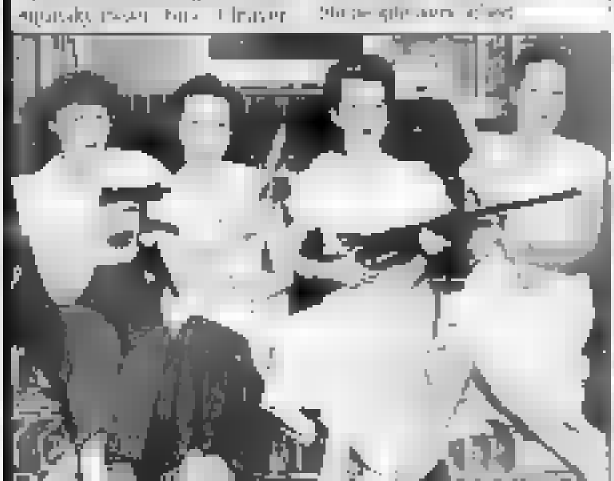
"Brigade operatives [illegible] organizations like PTAs [illegible]," the Department [illegible] explains. "By [illegible] its members' minds with anti-American propaganda, they [illegible] into dangerous fanatics."

The whistleblower who first told authorities something was [illegible] about the school's PTA [illegible].

Her husband, John, was one of the few males involved in the group.

"John had started going to PTA meetings on a regular basis, which wasn't like him at all," she recalls. "At first I suspected he was having an affair, so I showed up at the [illegible] one night [illegible] a meeting and peeked through the door to see if he was really there.

"When I heard the members chanting 'Death to Bush!' and saw a diagram for making an atomic bomb on the blackboard, I knew something just wasn't right."



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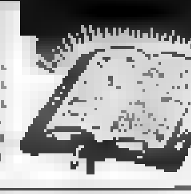

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"They seemed very concerned to find themselves on the terror watch list," said an FBI agent. "These are folks who drive SUVs and shop at Walmart."

On the surface, they seemed to their neighbors like squeaky clean Little Flower types. But in reality they were engaged in deadly plots against the U.S. government and against their fellow citizens.

Under provisions of the Patriot Act, some of the names of the arrestees have been released to the press. Normally the names would be publicly withheld. But the Attorney General of one of the nation's most populous states, who is suspected of ties to the cell, was "stunned" to learn that his wife had been picked up by federal investigators on the left-wing fanatic's payroll.

"I thought all these PTA meetings did was deal with issues about what the future of the school's library should be and other things, stuff like that. I had no idea they were plotting bombings and assassinations," she says.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, the PTA group has been linked to a sinister underground organization called the People's Front of Bengala. The international band of militants has been connected to a chilling number of terrorist attacks — including the Madrid railroad bombings in which more than 200 people were killed.

The investigation into the PTA cell was launched in March after a Bengalese national was arrested in connection with a plot to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. Among those arrested in the sweep was Abdul Rahman Yasin, a Bengalese national who is suspected of having built the bomb that was to be used in the attack.

Yasin had reportedly gone to PTA meetings on a regular basis with what seemed like innocent intentions. At first, suspicion fell on Yasin's wife, Aimal, who had also been a member of the group. But she was released after questioning.

Then, federal agents began to focus their attention on Yasin's neighbor, Jamil Hussein, a Bengalese national who had been living in the U.S. for 10 years.

Hussein had been a frequent visitor to the PTA meetings, and was also a member of the Islamic Center of Southern California, a mosque that has been linked to Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

Hussein's wife, Amina, was also a member of the PTA, and had been a frequent visitor to the school's library, where she was known to check out books on chemistry and explosives.

Hussein's neighbors were also surprised to learn that he was a member of the Bengalese Liberation Army, a group that has been linked to numerous terrorist attacks around the world.

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GAIN POWER THRU THE PSALMS

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My stupid hubby decided to take up beekeeping

...and he doesn't have a clue!

DEAR DOTTI: Recently, my husband Clarence got into beekeeping as a hobby, despite the fact that he knows nothing about the subject.

You see, one day he noticed there was a big hive hanging from a tree in our backyard, which is what put the idea in his head in the first place. I told him he was asking for trouble, but he just ignored me.

So the very next day he went out and got a beekeeper's suit and one of those canisters they dispense smoke with to pacify the bees. Well, his first day out, he comes running inside the house screaming, trips and falls flat on his face. To make a long story short, it turns out it was a hornets' nest, not bees, and hornets apparently aren't pacified by smoke. In fact, quite the opposite. They got mean as the dickens, and about a dozen managed to find their way into the bee suit, since Clarence didn't put it on right. Keeping in mind that, unlike bees, hornets can sting repeatedly, you can imagine what kind of shape he was in.

Anyway, Dotti, I'm dying to say "I told you so," but so far I've kept my mouth shut. Should I give the stubborn old s.o.b. a lecture or just let it go? — Peeved in Cedar Ridge

Dear Peeved: Not only should you give him a lecture, you should give the moron his walking papers and find yourself a man with half a brain.

I hope you'll tell me I

Dear Dotti: I have this huge, dark, bleeding, irregularly shaped mole on my chest and I'm terrified it's the deadliest cancer of all — malignant melanoma. I'm afraid to see a doctor for fear he'll confirm my diagnosis. So I'm writing to you in the hope you'll consult your crystal ball and give me some good news. Please tell me I don't have cancer. — Terrified in Minneapolis

Dear Terrified: I think you meant to send this question to psychic Serena Sabak. If that's the case, you're going to have to send another letter addressed properly to the little lamp herself. We're busting at the moment, and if you think I'll be going to Kansas to deliver her mail all the way across the room and risk slipping on some stupid novel she's left lying around, all over the place, you're not only have terminal cancer, you're crazy.

Mama should be driving herself to Daddy's grave!

Dear Dotti: My mother just HAS to go to Daddy's grave every Sunday, rain or shine. I'll admit she's got a nice little record going — [illegible] weeks without missing a single visit. The problem is that I really don't care to stand around a grave every week. I think it's depressing. But since Mama's up in her 80s and vowed to drive, it falls on me as her only child to drag myself out of bed and take her. I've offered to pay for a few driving lessons and buy a car so she can drive herself, but she won't do it. I'm sick of being Mama's "grave slave." Dotti, Help! — Sunday Driver in Durham

[illegible] your problem is as plain as the car trouble you're going to be about having when you call your mom to say you won't be taking her to the cemetery this week. She'll be crushed to lose her perfect attendance record, and you'll be

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Dear Horrified Date in San Francisco: As soon as she answered the door reeking of cheap aftershave you should have known you were being had.

Dear Unappreciated Lady in Cherryville: prefer my corn on the cob on a plate, thank you.

Dear Desperate Divorcee in Port Myrtle: If you want a man that bad, why don't you shuffle on down to the mall in a short skirt and keep pending pure to yourself and keep pending pure to yourself until you get one?

Dear Furious Mom in Macon: You should have considered the possibility that your 14-year-old daughter would [illegible] all your clothes and run away from home BEFORE you seduced her boyfriend.

Dear Desperate in Detroit: [illegible] like to help but I just roasted my washing machine repairman, doesn't even own a gun. Good luck.

Dear Hospitalized in Great Falls: That's what you get for stashing a frog [illegible] your pants at your ex-boy [illegible] dress up with your dead grandma's stockings, garters, corset and brassiere.

...SHE SAYS

"I do have it as my contract that I get to keep all the clothing from anything I do, only because I love clothes so much. I'll keep anything that's free and not nailed down."
— Actress Sarah Jessica Parker

VITAL STATISTICS —
Born: March 25, 1965, in Nelsonville, Ohio.
Weight: 5 feat 2 inches.
Hair: Brown. Eyes: Gray.

EXPERTS TAKE YOU...

INSIDE MAR

By VICKIE YORK
Entertainment

MARTHA Stewart is scheduled to be sentenced on June 17

THA'S JAIL HELL

It's supposed to be a home away from home – but tacky cell will drive the domestic diva nuts!

DISGRACED diva Martha Stewart's life could become a living hell when the queen of good taste is housed in a cell outfitted for maximum tackiness!

Sources tell *Weekly World News* that the cell is furnished according to recent government specifications, but the overall effect is still tacky, tacky, tacky!

Jailhouse insiders at the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution say an attempt has been made to make Martha feel right at home, but if the sight of a velvet Elvis hanging on the wall doesn't drive her nuts, nothing will!

The proof is on this page. A jail-cam image recreated by a computer reveals Martha's new home in all its chintzy glory.

One released con says the cells at the women's prison in Danbury are not meant to be just like home, but she says that Martha's cell is a decorating disaster.

"She'll never be comfortable in there. This is a woman who was used to the best of everything," the insider says.

"To say it's tacky is understating the sheer horror of the place. From the velvet Elvis to the knitted rug to the open toilet, Martha will hate every single thing in it.

"Most inmates don't mind having a velvet Elvis on the wall, but I doubt if Martha has even seen one in her entire life.

"If she has, I bet she turned her eyes away pretty fast in disgust."

Among the items that could be in the room:

- A velvet Elvis painting.
- A junky-looking old black-and-white TV.
- A stainless steel toilet/dining area.
- A rusting metal folding chair.
- An [illegible]crocheted rug.

"We've been told the Justice Department wants to make a resounding example of Stewart," the source explains.

"Most American figure she's going to a 'Club Fed' where she'll be living in the lap of luxury and teaching other prisoners good table manners.

"That's the opposite of the message prosecutors want to send. They want Martha's environment to put the fear of God into people, so that small investors and taxpayers never have the gall to lie to the government.

"Her cell may not be decorated to Martha's taste, but by average prison standards it should be very nice. A velvet painting of Elvis is mass produced by the thousands, but it looks all right on the wall and the rug will be warm on her feet in the morning."

Each item in the dismal, concrete, 8-by-12 cubicle would contribute to the the tacky total.

The prison source says, "The john will back up at least three times a week and sometimes the tick of that hideous clock is loud enough to wake the dead.

"The black-and-white TV gets terrible reception, unless you position it exactly right — then as soon as you step away, it gets all fuzzy again.

"Not only that, you can't get anything good on it — certainly not the classy, Masterpiece Theatre-type programs Martha probably favors. Instead, she'll be subjected to [illegible] that [illegible] be piping in."

Even the painted, concrete flooring of the cell leaves much to be desired.

"The stains in the corners can't come out," the insider says. "Martha can get down on her hands and [illegible] scrub until she's blue in the face, but the floor will never look right and they'll never be clean."

The woman chosen to share Martha's cell could also be a problem, the insider says.

"Martha is a neatness freak, she says, "but a lot of the other inmates are not. If she's unlucky, Martha could end up with some tattooed slab who will end up driving her crazy.

"You can't teach a hardened criminal how to turn a prison towel into a beautiful little wall decoration. They don't have much interest in stuff like that.

"The velvet Elvis and the kitty clock are much more their style, and most will want the cell to stay right

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I'LL GET YOU, MY PRETTY! If she's real unlucky, Martha's future roommate will not be the type to appreciate household tips. Not a good thing!

INSIDE MARTHA'S JAIL HELL

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the way it is, without the little Martha touches."

One expert contacted by Weekly World News says that the psychological torment of living in a tacky cell will be much worse than the actual confinement for Martha.

"This is a woman who has enjoyed the best of everything for years," the expert says. "If she has to live with Elvis and a kitty cat clock, it's just asking too much. In fact, in my opinion, it could amount to cruel and unusual punishment.

"If what you're telling me about her cell is correct, it could be just tacky enough to drive Martha Stewart nuts.

"I don't think there is any intent here to make the cell tacky on purpose. It's just the norm in prison decor.

"What might be a prison officer's idea of high style is not necessarily Martha's."

In earlier times, prison cells were bare, stark, gloomy boxes and little attempt was made to make them feel like a home from home.

But that changed in recent years, especially in the nation's low security prisons, where cells are often decorated and furnished.

However, the furnishings are whatever can be bought cheap and in job lots, like [illegible] velvet Elvis paintings at a time, so prison authorities tend to use whatever they have on hand, tacky or otherwise.

"They just don't have the budget to decorate as tastefully as Martha would like."

The domestic diva was convicted of lying about why she sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before prices plunged.

Unless her conviction is overturned on appeal, the domestic goddess is expected to receive 10 to 16 months in prison after sentencing June [illegible].

While authorities haven't yet announced where Martha is to be incarcerated, most legal experts say Danbury prison is the most likely location.

A prison insider adamantly denied that the facility is planning to go out of its way to make Martha's life more comfortable while she's there, insisting that she'll be treated "like any other inmate."

Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, in Danbury, Conn., is likely to be Martha's home for several months, at least.

Turn to Page 47 to find out who else has a velvet Elvis

MARTHA'S LIFE OF TORMENT BEHIND BARS

EVEN if prison officials weren't going out of their way to make Martha Stewart's life in the Big House a living hell, the pampered millionaire TV star would be certain to find jail a comedown from her luxurious life in her Connecticut mansion — located only 22 miles from the federal women's prison in Danbury, where experts say she's most likely to be incarcerated.

Here, from current and former prisoners and guards, is a sample of what the disgraced domestic diva can expect:

● A humiliating strip search upon her arrival. "They make you squat down and cough," recalls a former inmate. "If the [illegible] [illegible], she'll [illegible], 'That's not hard enough. Cough harder.'" If they find [illegible], guards may proceed to a thorough body cavity search. "That's when you have to bend over, pull your cheeks apart and show them everything," the ex-con says.

● She'll trade in her high-priced designer duds for the standard khaki jumpsuits worn by the rest of the roughly 1,200 inmates.

● Instead of earning millions as a TV star and businesswoman, she'll be paid just pennies an hour for backbreaking menial labor.

● Rather than sleeping in bed linen with a high thread count as the [illegible] her audience, she'll [illegible] on ugly, uncomfortable [illegible] sheets. "I don't know about the fabric," says Traci Billingsley, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Prisons. "It's just general military issue."

● Her sleep will be interrupted at least twice a night by flashlight-toting guards, who conduct security checks at [illegible] a.m. and 5:00 a.m. They can "toss" her cell at any time if there's a good reason — or even if there's not.

● She'll be rousted from bed at an ungodly hour. At 5:00 a.m., all prisoners are required to stand by their beds for a head count.

● Early on, she'll likely be forced to prove her mettle in a catfight. "There are inmates who resent her money and fame and they've told me they're itching for a chance to take her down a notch," says a current inmate. "And the fights here are rougher than at any men's prison — teeth get knocked out, heads get [illegible], fingers get broken."

● Unwanted lesbian advances are frequent, especially for blondes like still-attractive 62-year-old Martha. "The communal showers are where you're most likely to suddenly feel a strange hand on your back," an inmate says.

● Although Martha may request easy work such as teaching classes, "new fish" are assigned the worst jobs. Cutting grass, picking up garbage, cleaning bathrooms, mopping floors.

"We use fish gals on any job," a guard reveals. "We usually put them in the kitchen cleaning those enormous, heavy pots used in the mess hall.

"Believe me, during her first months behind bars, Martha is more likely to learn firsthand how to [illegible]," [illegible]

[illegible]

MARTHA'S home is a far cry from the cramped, dingy cell that awaits her up the road in Danbury.

3rd-graders don't get away with a thing in this class — because the . . .

TEACHER HAS EYES IN THE BACK OF HER HEAD

— THREE OF THEM!

By MARLON RIGGS

THIRD-GRADE teacher Amlee Macon is a misbehaving kid's worst enemy — because she has eyes in the back of her head.

Three of 'em!

"The Lord blessed me with 360-degree vision and then some," chuckles the 28-year-old woman from Houston. "And believe you me, I make the best of it.

"There was never any question about what I would do with my life. Even when I was a little girl sitting for my teachers and tattling on my classmates, it was clear that I was born to be in a classroom."

Macon and the rest of the world with eyes in the back of their heads are normal people.

Experts say that seven in every six of their fellows — virtually all of them girls — is born with the gift each year.

Nobody knows the cause, but experts believe the extra orbs may be linked to an ability, shaped by Darwinian survival, that all three-eyed humans share.

That same phenomenon has been linked to most recent experiments which, in another characteristic trait, Dee Macon and her eight-peepered comrades have in common.

"It wasn't easy growing up normal children taunted me and called me 'Five Eyes' and then when I had to get eyeglasses it was 'Seven Eyes,'" says Macon, her hair-thin chuckle turning to chrome.

"There were the days that I can [illegible] myself in my bedroom crying uncontrollably. I cried out to God, then my face and eyes dried up back."

It got worse.

After the years, Macon's third-grade [illegible] giving her hell along [illegible] her extra eyes. But eventually [illegible] that the bad stuff stuck. She had [illegible] because — as she puts it — "your third eye is what it looks like when you get four or more eyes or pull a hat down over them."

It was uncomfortable.

As the girls [illegible] Macon figured out how to make peace with her extra eyes. She even learned to pay her way through college.

"I used to referee at high school football games," she says. "Teams that played rough hated it when I officiated. They knew I'd catch every infraction. I also was a school crossing guard. I got numerous safety commendations."

After graduating, Macon's degree in childhood education, Macon landed a job with Houston's public school system.

She quickly made a name for herself as the HISD teacher who established [illegible] her eyes were working and wouldn't [illegible] they were.

"Some children can go from kindergarten to college and never get caught. Throwing spitballs, [illegible] a little girl's pigtails or cheating on a test," says Macon.

But that's never the case in my classes.

"Just try to do something behind my back, I'm afraid . . . I dare you!"

Her pupils agree that with Macon up the front, a kid can't get away with anything.

"I threw a spitball and she caught me," says 9-year-old Brent Underling, a student in Macon's third-grade class. "She was writing on the blackboard.

"But then Macon was looking at me, too."

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NASA DEEP-SPACE NEW MESSAGE

By VINCENZO SARDI

NASA'S VOYAGER 1 probe, the first spacecraft to exit our solar system, has relayed back to Earth a mysterious message it received from deep space — and flabbergasted scientists say it appears to be from God!

The eight minute transmission in a single binary code was received March 5 by the 230-foot antennas of the Deep Space Network (DSN) in Canberra, Australia, which has been maintaining contact with the probe since it was launched in 1977.

Incredibly reports say, the signal received by Voyager 1 (while simultaneously from 50 different locations all on star systems in excess of 10,000 light-years away.

Painstakingly translated by NASA scientists, the startling message is apparently from a being who identifies himself as "Your Father."

Incredibly it clearly refers to events that did not occur until AFTER the message was received. In the words of various scientists quoted in the London Daily Mail, which in fact later received

"I can tell you for sure whether this message comes from God," declares Dr Ramsey Hallendale a leading astronomer in Canberra. "But I can tell you that the entity that sent it appears to be omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent — that's three for three."

Voyager 1 which has traveled more than 8.4 billion miles is the farthest manmade object from Earth. Expected to transmit into the 2020s it has already beamed back a wealth of invaluable scientific data. But the astonishing message is the most sensational discovery.

ASTRONOMER
Dr Ramsey Hallendale

If this message is what it purports to be — a final proof of the existence of a God — declares a NASA source speaking on the condition of anonymity "But even if it's some kind of trick to manipulate us it can only have been sent by an extraterrestrial being of vast intelligence and power.

"The signal would be expected to take a minimum of 10,000 years to get here, even travelling at the speed of light. But the sender references current events — which means he is either capable of instantaneous interstellar communication or has known for thousands of years what would happen on Earth today.

The most astonishing message comes in two of seven lines from God to the environment. And the longest many of the statements include demands that could make those in power very uncomfortable.

Among other things God says he will give the Antichrist (who in just five years is to lead people astray) a chance to repent. Dr Hallendale reveals.

He also orders Christian leaders to prepare and declare both temporal and spiritually — or else. What is meant by or how the Lord specified, but given the current Al Qaeda leader take that very seriously."

NASA officials adamantly deny that any message was received from God.

The man instead Establishment

THE REV
Calvin Marcaver

It's laughable. He has no fear of a spokesman for the space agency told West's World News

Just hours later however he called back to say: "This is a matter of national security. It calls one of your leaders a single word about this your papers is going to be shut down."

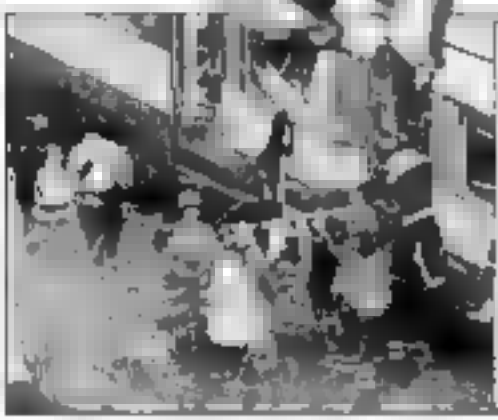
Church leaders, when informed of the astonishing development have had reactions varying from awe to skepticism.

"This is by no means the first time we've heard about such alleged space messages from God," notes the Rev Calvin Marcaver a leading Baptist minister in Manila.

We should take such accounts, even from reputable scientists,

● Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ movie is right on the money. "Many blessings be upon you, my son, for you have brought my Holy Word to many with your film," God says. "You have made up for Lethal Weapon IV."

PROBE PICKS UP FROM GOD



● "The Spaniards who perish in the railroad tragedy shall be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven, for they have been loyal servants." Strangely enough, the railway bombings that claimed more than 190 lives in Madrid wouldn't take place until March 13 — 4 week AFTER the message from space was received

with a grain of salt.

"Since Biblical times, men sometimes have heard what they truly believed to be the voice of God. It is the duty of each man to determine whether the speaker is indeed the Lord, or just someone with a deep voice hiding behind the bushes."

Below, from Dr Hallendale, are some of the extraordinary statements in God's message:

● Same-sex marriage is OK — for priests. Many clergymen are closet homosexuals who turn to perverted sex with altar boys because their true desires are thwarted, God reveals.

"Rather would I have 1,000 priests married to other men than see the innocence of a single child taken," the message states.

● Three new Commandments are to be added to the list, including a ban on cannibalism. The message states: "To the laws that I have given Moses add these three. Thou shalt not consume rape. Thou shalt not commit incest. Thou shalt not consume the flesh of thy neighbor."

● Sexual threesomes are hereby forbidden. "I would have said this before, but I never thought the daughters of Eve would try anything so blasphemous," the Lord says.

● He's never spoken to the televangelist Pat Robertson. "I don't know whose voice this gentleman has been hearing but it is not mine," the message states.

● The people of Malaysia shall be punished with great floods, for "they have displeased me." the message warns. Three days after it was received, massive flooding inundated Johor Baharu, Malaysia.

● The Second Coming is just around the corner. The message states: "In seven years, my children, I shall return to you and establish My Kingdom on Earth."

MARY ALBERT

● People must stop wearing hoopers and dyeing their grey hair. "I give you these signs of aging to remind you

● U.S. President George W Bush must forgive Saddam Hussein for all his past sins. "George, remember my words about turning the other cheek," God admonishes our commander-in-chief.

● Pope John Paul II must ordain vicars in the Catholic Church "within five years"

● Give up your SUVs. God says the gas-guzzling vehicles are "polluting the world I gave you."

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MUTANT BUGS!

SCIENTISTS have done some pretty bizarre things over the years, but their latest tinkering will really get under your skin. In laboratories throughout the world, researchers are creating dozens of new varieties of bugs, making the most disturbing freaks of nature you've ever seen — or, it's safe to say, ever will see!

BE A FLY ON THE WALL WITH THIS SNEAK PEEK AT CREEPY CRAWLERS OF THE FUTURE...

Delicate butterflies have been crossed with everything from frisky aquarels to enormous elephants.

The caterpillar has been blended with dogs, koalas and even a rhinoceros.

And wait until you see what happened when they got a horse and a shrimp together — and even more mind boggling, a steer and a ladybug!

The research director for one of these gene-twisting projects concedes that the work raises ethical questions.

"In the wrong hands, this could be monstrous," says Dr. Julio Saguar, head of the genetics at Universidad de Madrid in Spain. "Once you work out the formula for one species, it's frighteningly easy to evolve it with computer models that will take you the rest of the way with other species.

"We're a long way from adapting this to human cross-breeding," he says.

"But not nearly as far away as we used to be."

Some scientists argue that most of the biogenetic mixing is being done for practical reasons that will benefit mankind.

Some new species, for instance, are being bred to fight other insects that destroy food supplies.

"Our work may not be pretty," says one, "but millions of starving people will one day thank us for saving their lives."

The scientist admits, however, that some breeds were created "just to see if we could do it."

"We have to have a little fun too, don't we?"

Weekly World News got an exclusive look at some of this eye-popping research, and gathered it into a 12-page special report that follows here.

But be warned. It's pretty strange stuff.

PUPPY BUG

Re-creation Detective

THIS creepy crawling — or should we say "itchy intruder"? — is a cross between a Yorkshire terrier and a flea.

Its creators say it combines the terrier's natural inquisitiveness with the speed and keen eyesight of the housefly — perfect for sniffing out terrorists and crooks.

We say this is one yucky Yorkie.

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BUFFALO FLY

Coloradium Buffalo

WHAT'S the buzz? A buffalo mated with a fly! You won't have to worry about being crushed to death when the herd stampedes, but the buzzing could drive you crazy. Scientists say they got the idea for the breed the last time they watched buffalo wings.

TOBACCO BEETLEDILLO

Nicotina Shelleius

SOME radical elements of the antismoking movement have decided to get serious. Eliminate the tobacco supply, and people will have no choice but to quit. One such group is funding research to toughen the tobacco beetle by crossing it with the armadillo. Results have been "quite good," says a researcher. Smokers, we suggest you start hoarding now!

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SOUTH AMERICAN SQUIRREL FLY

Chipmunkotaxus Monarch

FLOWERS and trees can now be pollinated in record numbers, thanks to this winged-weirdo blend of squirrel and butterfly. The squirrel fly can carry far more pollen than the old-fashioned butterfly ever could. And it can swoop up acorns for rewarding of ruined forests at the same time. Sound nuts? Maybe. But then again, it just might work!

DACHSHUNPILLAR

Centrapis Weinerapis

WESTMINSTER Dog Show, look out! Caterpillars are supposed to transform into beautiful butterflies, but this one has given a whole new meaning to metamorphosis. This mutant moth will keep the lawn and garden clean and trim by munching on untended leaves and grass.

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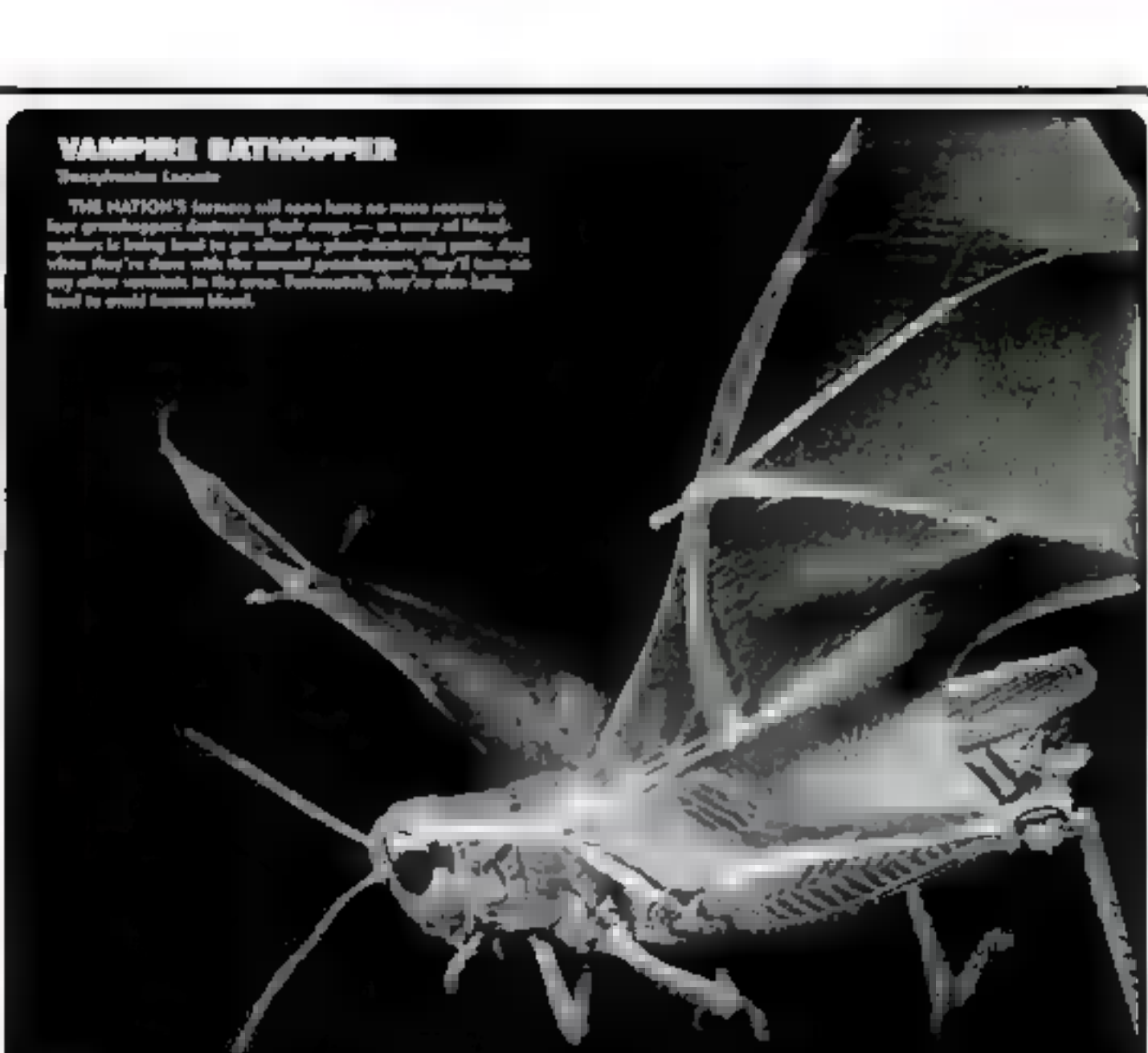
VAMPIRE BATHOPPER

Transylvanian Lavender

THE NATION'S farmers will soon have no more reason to fear grasshoppers destroying their crops — an army of blood-suckers is being bred to go after the plant-destroying pests. And when they're done with the annual grasshoppers, they'll turn on any other varmints in the area. Fortunately, they're also being bred to avoid human blood.



CATERPILLA & HONEYCAT

Caterpillar attacks a Felinx outdoors

IF THE weather has ever made you feel cooped up indoors, here's a cure-all thing that should really fix you up the first — a combo of honeybee and cat. And if your little girl has been asking for a kitten but you just don't have the room, try this pretty compromise — [illegible]

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SHORT-TAILED FRUIT FLY

Adam Ventura Goldblum

THERE'S something eerily familiar about that freaky fly — with its bat like ears and humanoid jaw — could it be that the scientists have finally overstepped themselves and mixed human ingredients into their genetic recipes?

Couldn't be . . . could it?

LADYSTEER

Potentious Bovinidaeus

NO MAD cow disease here, folks — but you may find the portion size a little disappointing. Where's the beef? Keep your 10-ounce hat on, Tex — they're working on it. Cattle ranchers are eager to get this extra-little doogie to market, although cowboys are objecting that it'll put them out of work. After all, you can't have a traditional cattle drive with this buggy bovine — one false step by your horse and you could wipe out the whole herd!

PUGGERPILLAR

Caninus Lotsiimbus

DO YOU have dogs, but your home is too small or your landlord or condo board won't allow it? Here's the perfect solution: The puggerpillar! The result of cross-breeding a pug and a caterpillar, this ingeniously crafted insect is small enough to fit in your pocket, and it leaves only the most miniscule of messes. It's not as good at playing "fetch," of course — but it sure looks cool when it sits up and begs!

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KANGERMANTIS

Antipleso Haperia

CHECK out the latest spectator sport — kangermantis boxing! When diehard gamblers can't find a cockfight or a pit-bull match to bet on, they can lay their money down on this combination of praying mantis and kangaroo, two species known for their ability to punch each other's lights out. Word is that the mixed-up breed was created by a scientist trying to pay off his bookie — but you didn't hear that from us.

PYGMY SQUIRREL FLY

Sarcophaga Nibbler

LOOK at this little guy go! Better put on extra guard on the hardwood and your vegetable garden — the squirrel fly buzzes in and out before you can say "Nuts!"

DRAGON HORSE

Tenebrio Fly Biscuit

THIS should keep the flies off the horses' behinds — one look at the freak and they'll buzz off for good! Scientists say they got the idea for this during a late-night debate about the legend of Pegasus, the flying horse of ancient mythology. The guy who came up with it did it as a dare — and we wish they'd all just gone to bed instead!

BUTTERMUTT

Doreen Pierpaw

YOU think your pooch is special? This pup is a real social butterfly — emphasis on "butterfly." To tell you the truth, his odd appearance doesn't do much for his social life. But you can't have everything — at least he gets to spread his wings and explore without being tied to a leash.

AUSTRALIAN KOALA CATER

Dundrew Crevicrest

DARLING, what a fabulous look! The cute koala has been seriously glamored up, and all it took was someone raiding its genes with a caterpillar's. A simple idea that's simply stunning, we think.

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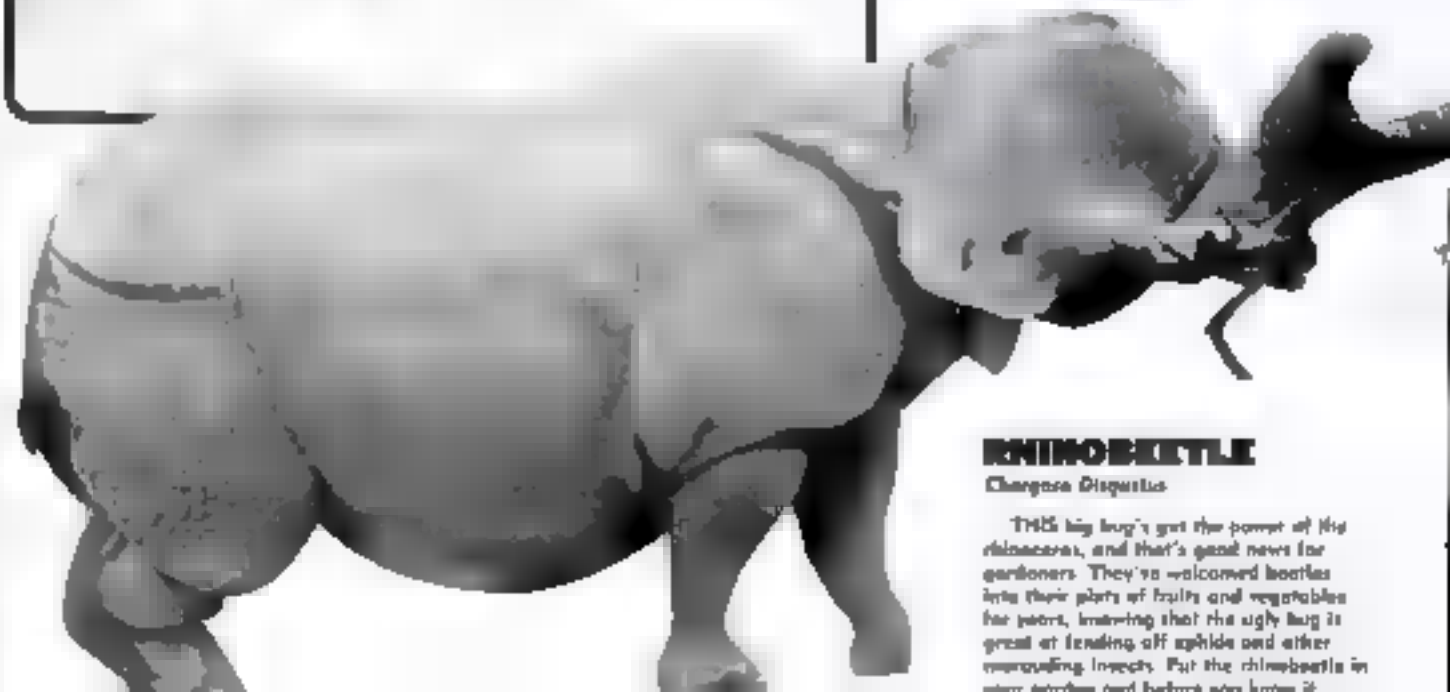
MIGRATORY MEAL BUG

Squarrelyus gatherius

THIS bizarre bug's looking all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, thanks to its new squirrel genes. Scientists came up with this as a solution to those disgusting meal bugs that infest flour, pasta and other dry foods in people's pantries, causing waste that the world just can't afford. They hope the hybrid will be driven away from food suppliers and into wooded areas.

Apis mellimegatoria

"BUSY as a honeycomb" — get used to that saying, because you're going to be hearing it a lot more often. The industrious honeybee and the nocturnal raccoon were combined into one super-species that can work both day and night. Worldwide honey production will increase by astronomical proportions. Sweet!



RHINOBEETLE

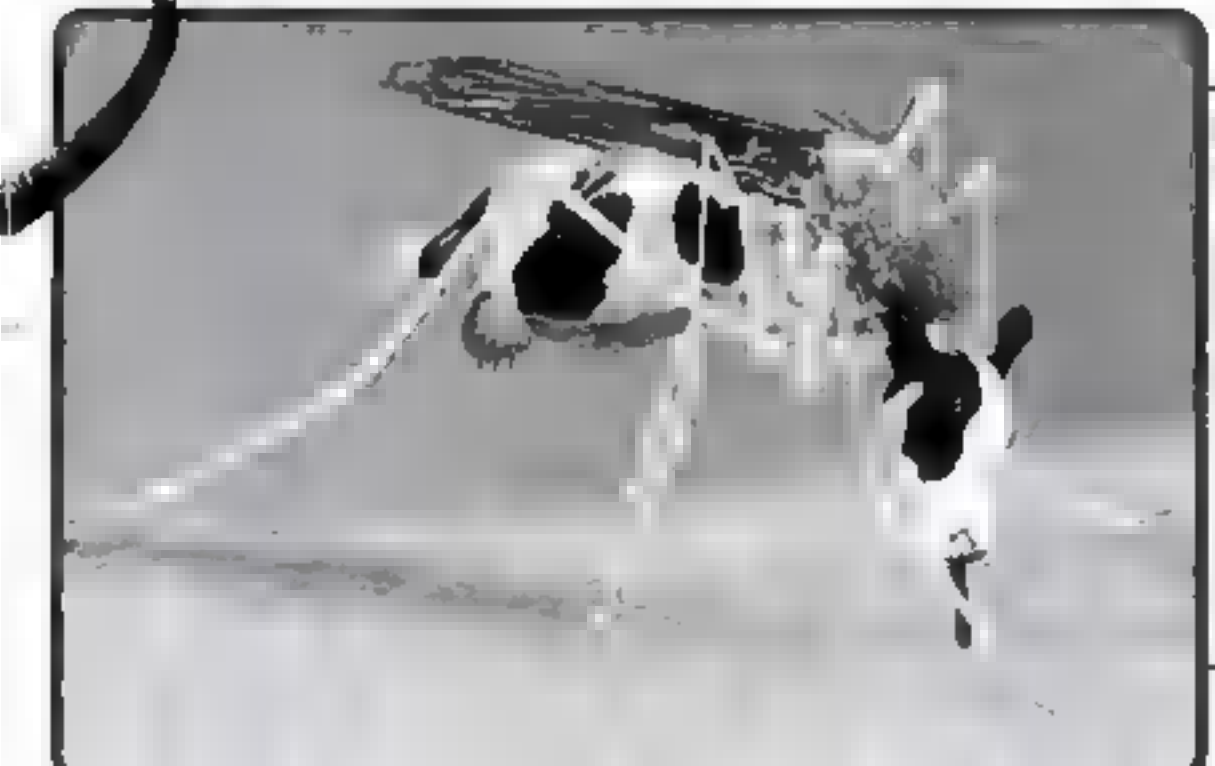
Chargeus Disputus

THIS big bug's got the power of the rhinoceros, and that's great news for gardeners. They're welcomed beetles into their plots of fruits and vegetables for years, knowing that the ugly bug is great at fending off aphids and other marauding insects. Put the rhinobeetle in your garden and before you know it,

RHINOPILLAR

Spheroidus gobbulus

WHAT do you get when you cross a rhinoceros with a caterpillar? A rhinopillar — and we're about to ask what we get when the rhinopillar goes through metamorphosis. Horned caterpillars have been spotted hatching. What does this mean, kids — a rhinoceros? A rhinofly? Whatever it is, it probably won't be pretty.



MOSQUICOW

Amophiloidus Bovinus

HERE'S a miracle mutant that doesn't suck your blood — the mosquicow actually injects you with your minimum daily dose of bone-strengthening calcium. If you're not into all the fat and calories of whole milk or the taste of low-fat, you can skip the dairy drink altogether and still get your calcium — directly from the source. Give bits from Bossy and you'll have bones of steel before you know it.

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ELEFLY

Maximus Wingedeus

WE'VE always thought the elephant had a certain grace and beauty despite its huge size. Modern science really signs — the guys in the lab have pulled off a remarkable transformation. This flutters tells is one pretty pachyderm, wouldn't you say?

CRUSTALLION

Hoofed Crustacean

WHAT a shrimp this horse is! Actually, there's not a speck of horseflesh in this new, meatier variety of shellfish, so you can enjoy some scampi without feeling guilty about chowing down on one of the cute creatures. But

BEETLEHEAD

Hominicranium Patribaer

HERE'S a handy little critter, and we mean that literally! Meet the 12-limbed beetlehead, which is an ordinary beetle made extraordinary with the addition of human-like arms and legs. You have to hand it to the scientists who came up with this — they really have their fingers on the pulse of scientific inquiry. One only question is, what's feeding the bill?

DUCKBILLED PLATYPOD

Ornithorhynchus Cucumida

FACE it — we're never going to get rid of those ugly, flesh-eating roaches, so we might as well make them a little cuter. We think this little guy is just adorable. He also keeps away swarms of the normal cockroaches — he freaks them out, too!

RHINOCERANT

Chargeus Pestus

BOY, the things you can do with a rhinoceros! Here's another rhino re-mix, the rhinoceroach. Imagine if one of these things crawled across your picnic blanket! But be careful if you step on one in your bare feet — the rhino's horn is still attached, and even though it's a lot smaller it can do some serious damage.

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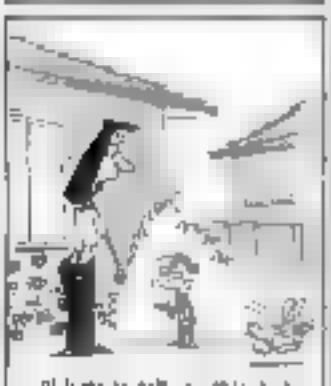

WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO 12 BABIES AT THE SAME TIME

By ANNE VANDERMEY Contributing Writer

MARYANNE MESEN and [redacted] Harry couldn't conceive until her doctor gave her a fertility drug that opened the floodgates and, nine months later, she gave birth to 11 boys and one girl — at the same time!

The [redacted]s are no bigger than their [redacted] thumbs and [redacted] and hold the full dozen of them in her cupped hands. "Like," as she puts it, "marshmallows from the bag."

Doctors say the teeny tots — who tilt the scales at just two ounces each — are both healthy and happy. Their size does present an increased risk of the new moms getting smothered by accident until they grow a little and put on some weight.

But physicians see no reason why the babies won't catch up with other kids in years to come and grow up to be normal in every way.

"I'm the happiest gal alive," gushes Mesen, 34, of Chicago. "Harry and I have been trying to start a family since I was 22, and now I've got one baby for every year I didn't get pregnant.

"My obstetrician told me I was [redacted] multiple births, but [redacted] only picked up five of them so having a dozen took us completely by surprise.

"Once I went into labor, they just popped out one after another like beads on a string. They're so small I hardly even felt anything.

"All the nurses said it was the most cute delivery they've ever seen."

Mesen and her husband named the boys Jack, John, Jason, Thomas, Frederick, William, Lawrence, Dennis, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and baptized them all in a single ceremony.

[redacted], who [redacted] after a long battle with cancer just two weeks before her grandchildren were born, [redacted]

"All these kids are a handful — we [redacted] exhausted," says the proud but weary dad, who admits he hasn't slept more than an hour a night since the couple brought the babies home from the hospital.

"I work literally twice [redacted] so I could help Maryanne, and we're both working double overtime just to keep up. The kids don't eat much at a sitting, but they eat often.

"We feed them every 30 minutes by cooking them on Maryanne's breasts and on their bottles. Well, they're not really bottles — we use an eye-dropper. In fact, everything we use for the babies is small.

"We get their clothes at the toy store in the doll section. We fold tissues from a box for their diapers. And yes, we've heard all the jokes about them being the 'Dirty Dozen.' When they all wet their diapers at the same time, I guess they are."

The babies are unusual in other ways, too. Flarence thing, says the mother, they "squeak like mice when they're hungry."

STUNNED dad Harry Mesen knew his wife was carrying several babies, but never dreamed there'd be a darling dozen!

Since their birth on February 16, the babies have gained a full 1.5 ounces apiece, which means the entire lot of them up the scales at just 43 ounces, a shade under three pounds.

But even though they weigh no more than babies who are born prematurely and prone to developmental disorders and vision problems, doctors have told the couple that their infants "are perfect in every way," the mom says.

"The doctors tell us the babies will catch up with other kids also-wise by the time they're two or three years old," she continued. "They're not going to be giants, but they aren't going to be midgets, either.

"At least, that's what the doctors say."

The Mesens initially wanted to keep the "mega birth" secret to avoid a media circus and protect their children's privacy.

But once they started crunching the numbers to figure out how much it's going to cost them to raise 12 children to age 18 — a staggering $1.9 million according to U.S. government estimates — they decided to go public.

They quickly sold their story to a television network, which is already plotting a series of prime-time specials and a made-for-TV movie, too.

Amongst the birth of Mesen's 12 babies is not a world record. That title belongs to a woman in Beijing, China, who gave birth to 18 baby girls in 1997.

It is unclear what became of them, although the Chinese preference for boys over girls suggests that at least some of them may have been euthanized.

Back in Chicago, Maria Mesen is still giddy with delight over her kids.

"We had to wait a long time but it's been worth it," she says. "They are such sweet and loving little things . . .

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LION WOMEN SERENGETI

By LEON KRAMER
Cameraman-writer

I'D HEARD RUMORS about the Lion Women of the Serengeti hunting and killing poachers. But I didn't waste a lot of [redacted] thinking [redacted] them until [redacted] Department of the Interior offered me $50,000 in cold, hard American cash to find them, and, well — who would know or even care what might h[redacted]e to them when I did?

My reputation with an [redacted] is nothing if not awesome. If I do say so myself. And you better believe I cleaned and oiled it twice before heading out with a little hunting party of my own — 12 natives who thought we were going on a scouting mission and photo shoot for the BBC.

I couldn't tell the poor saps the truth — if I did, they wouldn't have gone. That's why the government called me — their own guys knew too much about the Lion Women. And they were too damn scared to go looking for them.

Tanzania, Mwanza at the southern tip of Lake Victoria in our Range Rovers, we headed south and east into the Serengeti National Park, by anyone's reckoning the oldest ecosystem on Earth and God's own paradise.

I'd been here many times and knew what to expect — bush babies, bush hogs, zebras, aardvarks, crested porcupines, elk-like hogs, huge herds of wildebeests and, last I forgot, the "Big Six."

That's what natives call the most dangerous creatures in the Serengeti: Elephants, rhinos, Cape buffalo and leopards. Then there are lions — and the women who rule them. As the tales were told, these women were "female Tarzans" who actually lived with some of the fiercest predators on Earth like most people live with dogs or goldfish. They slept together. They ate together. And as the natives knew all too well, they hunted humans together.

The ladies were brown-skinned, but on the light side, often with blue eyes and [redacted] light brown hair, which is the look you get when the descendants of Dutch settlers breed with native stock. They traveled nude, with spears and, some said, [redacted]ed weapons [redacted].

Their lions did all the killing.

Two days into the Serengeti my men started wondering why I spent my spare time fondling my assault rifle instead of snapping pictures with my Nikon. I told them I was an artist and would shoot when the spirit moved me. And that was true. When I found the Lion Women, I would shoot — to kill.

We'd just found a spot to camp for the night when a guide waved his arms and half whispered, half shrieked, "Shhhhh! Cats!" The hair on the back of my neck stood straight up, and I said under my breath to no one in particular, "I wonder if they've got company."

The lions came into view about 200 yards south and east of us. There were 12 of them, and they did have companions — nine women who moved as stealthily as the cats themselves. "Damn it," I thought. "Now I wish I had film so that Nikon so I could snap a few pictures. I've never seen anything like this — ever."

I barked for my guys to get their rifles. "We're going hunting," I said. They balked. "But boss — it's illegal to kill lions," one of them complained, motioning as if in say, "If you even think about pulling that trigger, white man, I'm out of here."

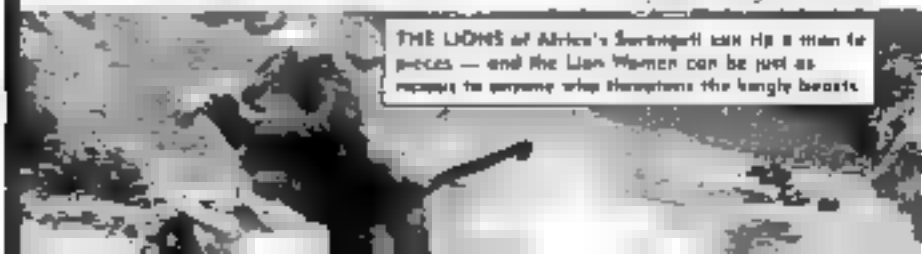
"Who's hunting lions?" I said. "Lion Women are fair game."

My guys were a little slow on the uptake, and they hadn't made the connection that the women with the lions were the women they had hoped and prayed we wouldn't see.

They knew the stories — so many reported killed or missing after encounters with the Lion Women. Most if not all of them were poachers who, it's true, would hunt big cats to extinction if left to their own devices. Those who weren't killed on the spot were dragged away — sometimes by women, sometimes by lions — never to be seen again.

The one surefire way to avoid problems with the Lion Women was to be a tourist. So far, they haven't been targeted, possibly because the women realize their money protects the habitat of the big cats.

I raised my rifle, took aim and — dammit! — would have bagged myself a Lion Woman if one of my guides hadn't pushed my arm just as I squeezed the trigger. "You're crazy — no — don't do it," he yelled. "They'll kill us all!"



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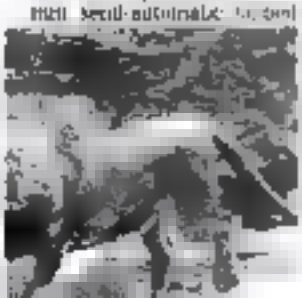
. . . they hunt with the big cats — and their prey is men!

I glared at him and pulled a paper from my pocket, a government letter telling me to find where the Lion Women lived, and if that didn't work out, to bring back as many as I could — dead or alive.

I was happy to have the AK in my hand, otherwise my guides might have been tempted to do me grievous bodily harm. "You don't work for the BBC," fumed one of them. "You lied to us." And I said, "So I did."

But I had bigger fish to fry than chit-chat with a hired hand. The Lion Women and their cats were getting away, and I screamed at my men, "Let's go." At first, they just stood there, dumbfounded, so I yelled again. "Move!" This time the bullets I fired at their feet from my unholstered 9-mm semi-automatic [illegible]



speed things up.

And the hunt was on. Jumping in our Range Rovers, we took off in hot pursuit. We could see the Lion Women and the lions in the distance, leaping away with what seemed [illegible] speed. We could make 35 mph in our Rovers, and we'd catch up with them in a couple of minutes. And the fact is, I could have picked them off one by one, even on the run.

But looking at them with those lions, running through the grassy high plains with the sun setting huge in a sky that stretched out forever over a land as mysterious, primal and powerful as its native... it was one of those dreamlike moments in life when you make a snap decision that will change you to the core.

"Shut it down," I told my driver, who looked at me kind of funny. "Turn it [illegible]

— Women out here it must be some kind of a mirage."

Camping that night under the stars, my guys knew something as me was differ-

once there. I took my instructions — and $50,000 — back to my contact at the Department of the Interior.

"What's this?" he said. "You found the Lion Women?

men," I said on my way out the door. "All you've got out there are lists that have figured out the difference be-

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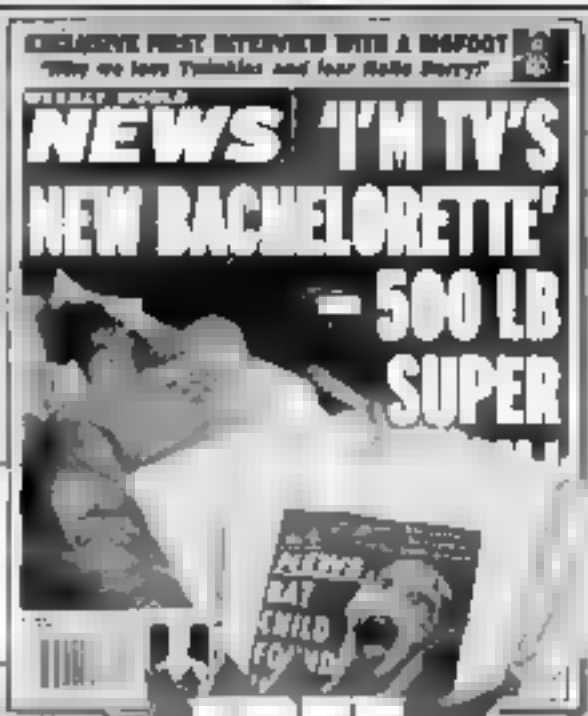

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MY ELVIS PAINTING IS HAUNTED BY VAN GOGH'S GHOST

By JOHN ADDISON

ELVIS FAN Maria Denkleman was thrilled when she found the painting of her idol, but the gloss has turned her life into a bizarre nightmare

A MOM says her velvet painting of Elvis is haunted by the angry ghost of Vincent van Gogh.

The faint image of the artist's tortured self-portrait can be seen in the velvet of Elvis' hair on the wall hanging, just above Elvis' right shoulder.

The work also shakes violently whenever Maria Denkleman plays any of The King's tunes.

"It jumps right off the wall at me," says the 30-year-old mother of three.

"I don't figure out what van Gogh has against Elvis," says Denkleman. "He is in the painting in hates."

Paranormal experts who have examined the painting confirm the ghostly image of Vincent van Gogh.

"It appears to be van Gogh, but whoever or whatever it is, the things really bent out of shape," says chief investigator T. Willis Beaumont.

The request Mrs. Denkleman to take down the painting and burn it immediately, before it does some damage."

But Denkleman says she'll do no such thing.

"Burn Elvis? Never."

Instead, the horrified Elvis fan is determined to exorcism to drive van Gogh out of the black velvet painting.

Denkleman says she got the piece in an antique shop in Amsterdam where she was visiting distant relatives. Beaumont says he discovered during his investigation that the shop had originally been a pale that van Gogh frequented while studying for the ministry at Amsterdam University before he began painting seriously.

Elvis' right shoulder

between artist and death," the investigator says.

Denkleman says she was "thrilled" when she found the Elvis velvet painting in a second-hand shop in Amsterdam.

"The shop owner gave it to me practically for free, which should have been a warning to me. The King was in the picture."

VAN GOGH'S left portrait shows he was a tortured man even in life

But after hanging it up, Denkleman says she started to get strange feelings.

Denkleman says the painting seemed to emit a eerie blue light at night and has always eerily disturbing activity since she got it home six months ago.

"Whenever I play Elvis music at a party, the lights flicker, like it's disrupting the mood," she says. "In fact, the last time I put Elvis's Blue Christmas on the CD player I swear it actually levitated off the wall and left eight beside me — and I was at least three feet away from it!

"It was almost as if it was trying to get me to turn off the music. Like it couldn't stand to hear another note," she says.

"Now why would anyone paint to one of The King's songs like that? Only something pure evil. That's what."

Mr. Beaumont says this Vincent van Gogh cut off his ear. It sounds like he was a very disturbed man — who knows what damage he might be contemplating. But how can I destroy the painting?"

Not all of the paranormal investigators whom Denkleman has met called agree with Beaumont that the painting must be destroyed.

"I believe that the spirit of Elvis is also very strong in the painting," says one psychic.

"It is only the kindness of Elvis' spiritual love restraining van Gogh from destroying the painting, which is a remarkable example of the velvet Elvis genre of art."

To destroy the painting would indeed be like destroying Elvis."

Denkleman has been working with a network of psychics to find an exorcist qualified to work with inanimate objects.

"I don't want this thing bothering Elvis any longer," she says.

"It's not just that it's some sort of spirit," she adds, "but it's a pretty darned ugly. This van Gogh doesn't

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Americans spend almost $2 billion a year

OF ALL the people hit by lightning, 80 percent are men. Those pretty sunbeams that shine down through a cloud and onto the ground are called crepuscular rays. Gen. George Armstrong Custer, known for leading the doomed Battle of Little Big Horn, graduated from West Point in 1861 — at the bottom of his class.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

● More than 103,000 people can fit into Moscow's Lenin Stadium.

● Five classes of nobility have seats in the House of Lords in England's Parliament. In order of importance, they are duke, marquis, earl, viscount and baron.

● In Air Force slang, a parachute is known as a laundry bag.

● Badminton is a huge sport in Malaysia, where crowds of up to 15,000 people gather to watch tournaments.

● Researchers say one-fourth of people who lose their sense of smell also lose their interest in sex. Stinks, doesn't it?

● The Hope Diamond, a blue bauble that's one of the world's greatest treasures, weighs 45.52 carats. It weighed a whopping 112½ carats when it was dug out of a mine in India. The diamond was first sold to King Louis XIV of France in 1668, and was worth in 1788 by Marie Antoinette. It's now on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Don't get upset at that guy who keeps winking at you. He might just have a medical problem called blepharospasm.

By KATE MacCLARE
Correspondent

● More than 14 million BIC pens are sold throughout the world each year. BIC is a short version of the name of the company's founder, Marcel Bich.

● The wrist at the end of your hand has eight bones.

● The ancient Greeks created many forms of culture — and the world's first municipal dump, around 500 B.C.

● Word of the week: Horripilation — the bristling you feel on your skin when you're cold or scared, also known as goose bumps.

● The first woman to serve as mayor of an American city was Susanna Salter, elected in run Argonia, Kan., in 1887 — 33 years before the U.S. Constitution gave all U.S. women the right to vote.

● Some bullfrogs play dead when they're captured — and then hop away when they've fooled their predator.

● Campbell's makes 41 billion little [illegible] soups each year for its Chicken & Stars canned soup.

● George Washington's dentures weren't made of [illegible] — they were real teeth, which he had extracted from his slaves working at Mt. Vernon. Historians say Washington was a brutal [illegible] owner, but by the time he died he had completely rejected the idea of "owning" other human beings. He drafted a secret will that ordered Mt. Vernon's slaves to be freed when he died.

● More than 5,000 men died building the Panama Canal.

● A toaster uses 1,100 watts of electricity to toast a piece of bread.

● Legendary flamenco dancer Jose Greco took out an insurance policy to protect his reputation if his pants ever split during a performance.

● At top speed, a skydiver hurtles toward Earth at 130 m.p.h.

● The Hubble Telescope is named after Edwin Hubble, who in conjunction with a few scientists that lived in the Big Bang theory of how the universe began. Hubble found that distant nebulae are moving away from Earth at more than 40,000 kilometers per second, proof that the universe is expanding.

● The Eiffel Tower is 984 feet tall.

● "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," the song featured in Disney's The Lion King, topped the charts three times: In 1961 by the Tokens, in 1972 by Robert John and in 1994 after the hit movie. Disney didn't put it on the original Lion King soundtrack — it was released only after popular demand.

● Only the [illegible]ale cockatoo can be taught to speak. The female just chirps and sings.

● The outer layer of your skin sheds about 1 million cells every 60 minutes.

● Gen. Douglas MacArthur earned the nation's top military award, the Medal of Honor, for his service in World War II. His father, Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, earned the medal in the Civil War. They are the only father and son to be awarded the medal which recognizes extraordinary heroism during wartime. Five sets of brothers have received it.

● "There are three kinds of lies: Lies, damn lies and statistics." — Mark Twain

The penny is the only U.S. coin on which the president's profile faces right. On all other coins, the profile looks to the left.

Alan Sulmer's famous jingle, "Plop-plop, fizz-fizz, oh what a relief it is," was written by the father of former EW star Julianna Margulies.

● D Tyagi, a resident of Bengal, India, displays the longest ear hair in the world, measuring 4 inches. Tyagi received a certificate recognizing the feat from

on Easter candy – & more fascinating ...

TRIVIA

The eggs of the emperor penguin are hatched by the fathers, not by the mothers. The male penguin spends 64 straight days on his feet during the coldest, darkest time of the year, keeping a single fertilized penguin egg warm. Hundreds of male penguins cluster together to keep themselves warm while incubating their newborns. Once the egg hatches, the mother returns and shares chick-raising duties with the father

HAPPY EASTER!

April 11 is Easter Sunday, when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ — and kids have a blast hunting for Easter eggs and digging in chocolate and marshmallow chicks. Here's a look at the treats you could wake up to this year:

● Ever wonder why Easter eggs are laid by a rabbit instead of a chicken? It's from an old Anglo-Saxon legend, in which the goddess Ostara sought to reward some good children. She transformed their pet bird into a rabbit, which began laying colored eggs. Ostara gave them to the kids.

● Americans spend $1.9 billion a year on Easter candy, $2 billion on Halloween treats and $1 billion for Valentine's Day sweets.

● Marshmallow chicks, bunnies and eggs are the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy — 600 million are sold every Easter season.

● How do you eat a chocolate bunny? Start with the ears, according to 74 percent of Americans polled in a recent survey. It's feet first for 13 percent and tail first for 10 percent.

● Americans gobble 16 million jellybeans at Easter — enough to circle the globe three times if

the goodly citizens had cast to sell. A jelly bean was first sold by Boston candy maker William Schrafft, who promised them as treats for brave fighting in the Civil War.

● The first Easter eggs included beeswax from bees that gathered Christ's grave lily and grewsh — the reason they were thought to resemble eggs dressed in

Hollywood executives were desperately seeking America's next sex symbol in 1937. Legend has it that a newspaper editor spotted the perfect girl while she was playing hooky from Hollywood High at a soda fountain. He asked a stop in the face when he approached Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner and asked if she would like to be in motion pictures. Hollywood would never be the same after it

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1 Kahlua and vodka drink (2 wds)
6 Edible tropical treat (2 wds)
13 Last half of a sneeze
14 Charged particle
16 Brooding type?
18 Clone
19 Actor DiCaprio
Take back
Tooled one's gum from
Faucet's offering (2 wds)
Small village
TV's Philbin
Vendor's array
Ready to go (3 wds)
Turned ashen
Elevated
Kitchen gadget
Summer treats
Trade punches
Imitative
Partner
Spa wear
Back muscle, briefly
"Mayberry, —"
Green Hornet's sidekick
Sound unit
Departed
Waterway
Give out in the middle
Curl a lip
Ranges (Abbr)
Loaded up
Conk, clash, etc. (2 wds)
Smith and Jackson
Casual nothings
Long for
Design of "Cheers"
Outbroken
71 Comes down
75 Hawaiian wreaths
77 Creepy
79 Waiting warning
81 Grow on
82 Spongy ground
84 Decorative plaster
86 Final words?
87 French schools
88 Packed
90 Dr.'s grp.
92 Pat on the back: "— Boy!"
94 Genes grains
96 Large lizards
97 Newsman Huntley
98 Clerk of Smithers
100 Get smart
101 Some car roots (slyph)
102 Language in Athens
103 New —, India
104 Lubricating cans
106 British school
107 Classic soda
108 Tides
111 Sample
113 Caffeine city
114 Mighty
116 Doctor's office item
117 Just
118 Actor Brynner
119 Fuel
120 TV hook-ups
122 Like many rural roads (2 wds)
123 With joy
126 Pilot's info, briefly
129 British rock band
130 Actor Nicolas
131 Dietetic surname
132 Assignment for a TV show (2 wds)
135 Offensive
136 Disney hit, — and Stitch
140 Cat's cry
141 Commandeers abbr.
143 Solo wood
144 Singer Blake
147 Stew vegetable
149 Frog relief
151 Use a pason
154 Sweet pasta
156 Deposited an egg
159 Holiday time
160 Football night
161 Whooping bird
162 Gen. Lee's security
167 Type of pond bloom
168 Brief appearance
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176 Actress Laura
177 Utter
178 Actress Marilyn
181 Horsham sea
183 Petting zoo animals
186 Scale start
187 Course accessory
189 Student aid
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191 Colorado ski town
192 Ocean motion
193 Forty weeks, say (2 wds)
195 Emoted
197 Prepare cheese
199 Black bird
202 Web spot
204 Olympian's —
206 Type of school
209 Band follower?
211 Army units
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215 Over does it (Abbr)
216 Family car
217 South America's — Del Sol
220 Token back purchase
222 Hammer or wrench
223 Capone and Gore
225 Evil
227 Camera part
229 Wheel centers
231 Make with one's hands
232 Uniform
233 Johnny Depp title role (2 wds)
235 Type of photo
237 Nautical greeting
238 "I won't tell — —"
239 Ancient writer
241 Country singer Haggard
242 In the Alps
243 T-shirt size
245 Sauce ingredients
246 Sir Galahad, for one
247 Eagles singer Don
248 Sprout anchors (2 wds)
249 Dancer Kelly
250 Compass dir.
251 FBI cousin
252 Small city
253 Purussutaaneq celebration (2 wds)
254 It's felt by the

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4 Ice cream gathering, maybe
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10 Toward the center
11 River duck
12 Graveyard
13 Actor William
17 Finally (2 wds)
18 Comeback
19 Corbin Bernsen TV series
20 "— Without A Clause"
22 Office furniture
24 Horse holders
28 Breakfast meat
29 Half a fly?
32 June honoree
33 Nice food
34 "— tu, Brute?"
37 Surly man in one
38 Rob
39 Longfellow, for one
42 Cause of ruin
45 Actress Madeline
48 Crooner Paul
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52 "Get a move on!" (2 wds)
53 Unexpected blessing (2 wds)
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57 Weapon tip
58 Substitution word
59 Place for child to sit
60 "Dallas" family name
61 City in New York
62 Daredevil Knievel
64 Vends
66 Actor Wood
67 Hitching posts?
69 Go over and over
72 Nervous (2 wds)
74 Scandinavian country
76 Sorted out
78 Actor Tim
80 Flag maker Betsy
81 Russian dramatist Anton
82 Shed
83 Inks, verses
84 Dole
85 [redacted] and van
88 [redacted]
89 Frasier Crane's brother
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91 More than love
93 Get molars
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106 Toledo's lake
108 Yardstick unit
110 TV hillbilly — May Clampett
112 Zealot
115 Shunned one
114 Strong wit
115 Over time
117 Deadly
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123 Actor for people with
124 Commanded
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127 Rakes or Reed
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134 Israeli airline
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139 Brown-nosier
137 Zhivago's love
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144 Fast food chain
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145 Toss high
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146 More deteriorated
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152 Prepare to publish
153 Force
155 Actor Spencer
156 Italian town
160 Malt beverages
161 Balon — , D.
164 Street show
165 Medical building
166 Without charge
166 Mother-of-pearl
169 Star of the show
170 Two under par
171 Ammonia compound
172 Garden tool
174 Large tree
175 Mausoleums
177 Certain horses
178 Abrasive material
179 Skidded
181 Bunny
182 Iroquois Indians
183 Big chick
184 Insolent
186 Leaks slowly
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194 Policeman's shield
197 Straining utensils
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218 Ferret relatives
220 Shacklos
222 Keep possession of
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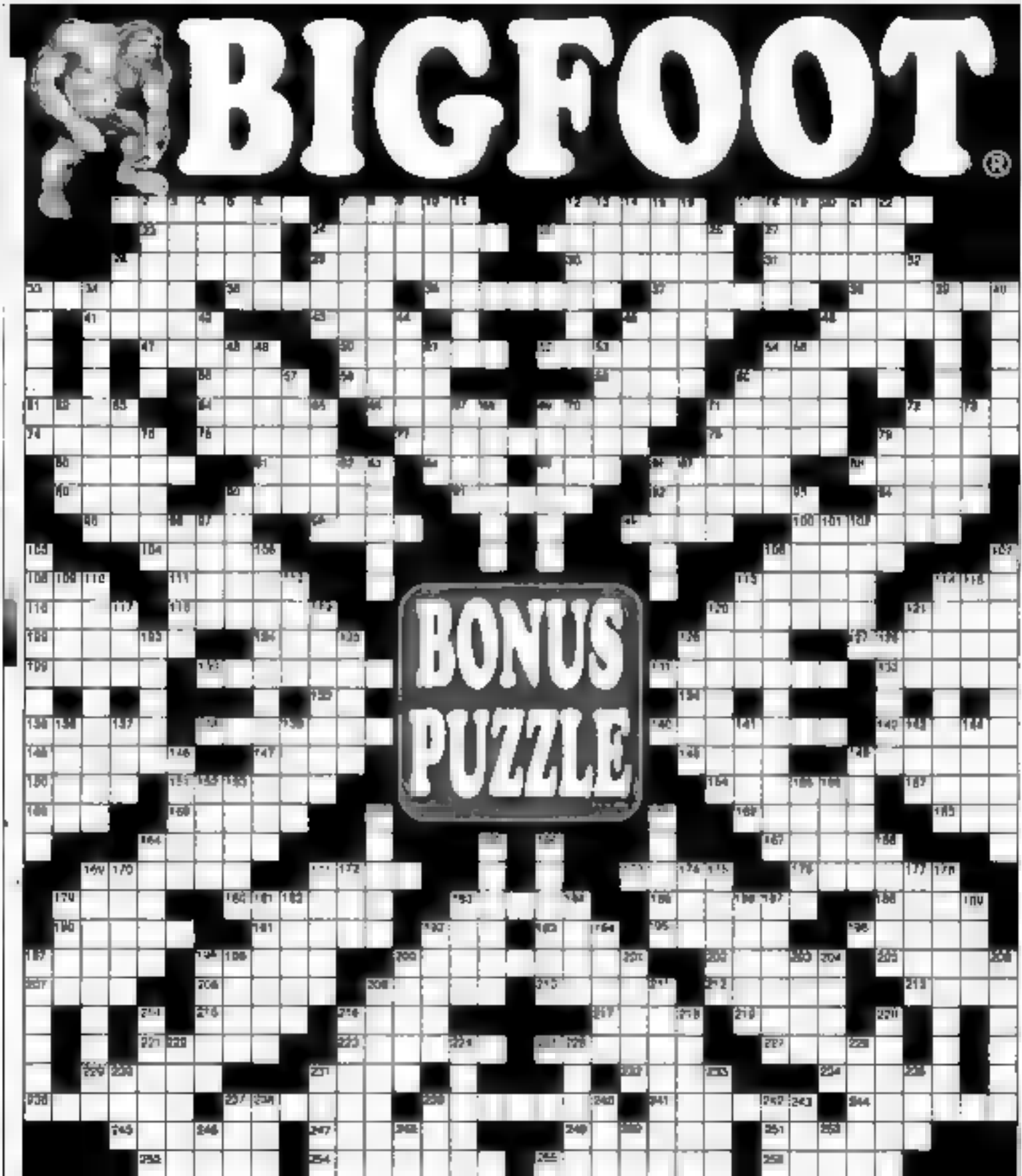
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Why does my house keep catching fire?

DEAR SERENA: My house has caught fire six times in six weeks and it's a miracle that I've found all the fires and been able to put them out before they got out of control and burned down the place. One time the fire was in the trash can right outside my back door. Another fire started in the waste basket in my master bathroom. Another one was a grassfire in my front yard. And still another one was in a frying pan on my kitchen stove — but the stove wasn't on. There was just grease burning in the pan. I'm getting rattled here, Serena, and my wife has no idea what's happening either. What's going on? — Catching Fire in Montgomery

Dear Catching Fire: My crystal ball points a finger at your elderly mother, dude, who, as you'll recall, [illegible]

SUPER-SEXY Elisha Cuthbert is afraid of flying, which is surprising, since her career is soaring. You can catch the luscious lass on the big screen in *The Girl Next Door* or on the small screen in 24.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: Was I an airplane pilot in a previous life? Every time somebody mentions flying I get scared and start shaking like a leaf. Like maybe in the past I crashed or something. This is no small matter, Serena — this fear really cramps my style and it's driving me nuts. Tell me what's going on. — Wondering in Albuquerque

Dear Wondering: You weren't a pilot in a previous life — but as a girl living in a Kansas City orphanage in 1912, you DID fall out of a tree and break your neck. Now any mention of "flying" or "falling" scares you to death. My Spell of Past Life Forgetting will erase those residual memories so you can live THIS life to the fullest. By the way, be sure to buy a scratch-off lottery ticket on April 3. I know that [illegible] *jackpot you win will come in handy.*

★ ★ ★

Dear Sonya: My boyfriend Kim is the only guy I know who found a place to get condoms that are so thin you can't even see them. Sometimes I wonder if he's even wearing a condom, but he swears up and down that he is. My other boyfriends say Kim is lying and he's really not wearing a condom. I don't want to get pregnant, so I'm asking you — is he wearing protection? — Wondering in Taylorsville

Dear Wondering: Kim is lying about the super-thin condoms, dudette, but I'm not so sure it matters — because "he" isn't really a he, either. Kim is a woman — and that's why she's only interested in "quickies" late at night when it's pitch dark. As my trusty Ouija puts it: "Girlie . . . tricking . . . girlie . . . with . . . fancy . . . sex . . . gadget . . ." Comprende?

PERSONAL TO:

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THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

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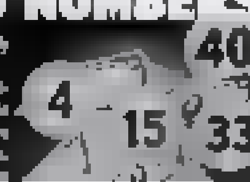

Dishes fly out of my cabinets like rockets on the 4th of July!

DEAR SONYA: I've been upset lately because the [illegible] closed and I [illegible] my job, but to [illegible] matters even worse, something really strange has been happening. Sometimes when I walk into the kitchen the cabinet doors swing open all by themselves and cups and dishes fly out and break against the wall on the opposite side of the [illegible]. Sometimes they barely miss hitting me, and it's dangerous. These things shoot out like rockets! I'm a single woman, Serena, and I live alone, so [illegible] body's playing a trick. What's happening to me? Am I possessed? — Frightened in Gastonia

Dear Frightened: The upset of losing your job has attracted powerful negative forces that literally explode whenever you walk into your kitchen. These energies find their outlet in sweeping up ceramic [illegible] dishes and flinging them across the room. I want you to pray or meditate for 10 minutes each morning and for 10 minutes each night — at your kitchen table — with a white candle burning before you. Then, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] employers that are [illegible] volatile and destructive [illegible] — and help you.

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: I was poking around in my grandmother's attic a few weeks ago and found what seems to be an ancient Greek vase. The thing is, it's sealed, which means something valuable might be inside. Should I open it to find out what's in there — or leave the [illegible] intact? I know from watching Antiques Road Show on TV that messing around with antiques can lower their value. But I'm SO curious! — Jean in Omaha

Dear Jean: The ancient Greek vase you found is really a cheap replica that was made by a pottery company in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1977. Interest in these replicas is increasing, but its value is still only about $100, and that's if you can find a collector willing to buy it. So go ahead and open it up. Because the old General Electric stock certificates you find inside are worth far more than $100. How does $40,000 [illegible]? Stop [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] before you [illegible] yourself, dear — I KNEW you'd be excited!

★ ★ ★

Dear Serena: I have a problem with my husband's mother. She's always dropping by unannounced and criticizing my housekeeping. She's also constantly trying to give me advice about how to raise our children. I've asked my husband to speak to her about it, but he says I'm overreacting. Am I? — Mrs. [illegible], Cincinnati

Dear Mrs.: Yes, you are overreacting. Your mother-in-law is a lonely old woman who misses her own children and grandchildren. Invite her to spend a few days with you. Then, when she's gone, tell your husband that you'd like to see her more often.

Should I get a job — or join the Peace Corps?

Dear Serena: I'm set to graduate from college this spring and I don't know what to do. I've thought about joining the Peace Corps and going to Africa. But I'm also tempted by a big job my brother-in-law has offered me with his publishing company. He's made it clear that the job, which starts out paying $30,000 a year, is a once-in-a-lifetime offer. And I'm thinking the Peace Corps is a big deal, too. What should I do? — Undecided in Athens

Dear Undecided: The answer you seek will come to you in a unexpected telephone call early next month. Don't be surprised if you don't go to Africa — or take the job with your brother-in-law. Hint: Think, "Washington, D.C. — and the White House."

Where should we open our new restaurant?

Dear Serena: My husband and I scrimped and saved for years to raise the money we need to open a restaurant. But we can't decide if we'll have better success opening up in our hometown or in a bigger city down the road. Please help. Our dreams are riding on this. — Anxious in Mount Hawthorne

Dear Anxious: Stay out of the big city. It is no place for a country bumpkin like you! For years I've surrounded myself with the finest restaurants on the planet, and I can assure you that [illegible]

I need to kill my wife!

Dear Serena: This may sound crazy, but will I go to the electric chair if I kill my wife? She's suffering from Alzheimer's. She's weak and barely eats, plus she doesn't even know her own name anymore. I love her more than life itself and would wait on her hand and foot if I knew that she would be happy. But she's in agony and killing her seems like the only way to end her pain. — Wondering in New York

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DEAD OR ALIVE?

Guess, those stars blinked among the stones and looked a familiar position to us for their work. But for some of them the fire went out a long time ago. Who's living and who's not? (Answers below.)

"One tiny spark becomes a night of blazing suspense" — that was the promise for The Towering Inferno, the 1974 hit from the doom of disaster flicks, Irwin Allen. In this star-studded action entry, hundreds of people are trapped in the world's tallest building during a gala celebration of the skyscraper's completion. Adding suspense — not to mention sheet appeal — are Paul Newman as the building's heroic and handy architect and Steve McQueen as a heroic and handy firefighter. Newman and McQueen join forces to battle the blaze, which had ignited because of faulty wiring. Don't worry, it wasn't Newman's fault the wiring design was ignored by short-sighted budget cutters. From left: Fred Astaire (HAROLD CLAIBORNE), Faye Dunaway (SUSAN FRANKLIN), an unidentified party guest and, dashing and unruffled as ever, Robert Vaughn (Sen. GARY PARKER).

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of five guys whose eyes give them a distinctive look. This may be one of the few times those DYING LIARS look anyone in the eye. Match the names with the faces. Answers are below.

1

Is he even capable of a straight answer?

2

He's not a liar, but he played one

3

Let's go to the tapes.

4

That's the ticket!

5

If only this had just been about sex!

1) Bill Clinton
2) Jim Bakker
3) Oliver North
4) Gary Hart
5) Richard Nixon

ANSWER SHOWN UPSIDE DOWN

Fred Astaire died of pneumonia on June 1987, at age 88. Faye Dunaway is 43. Robert Vaughn is 71.

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED!

(From page one)

Card No. 3: 3 of Cups
REVERSALS

Love: Big changes are in store for you in the romance department. It's time for a talk with your partner. If single, look for an intriguing stranger to enter your life.

Money: Take a close look at your investments or other savings plans. If you play the lottery, this is not the time to change your usual numbers.

Health: You'll have a few days of stress that will jeopardize your carefully planned regimen. Don't

Card No. 5: The Lovers
ALLIANCES

Love: A new friend may arouse deep feelings of jealousy in your partner. If single, you may find yourself competing with a pal for a gorgeous new romantic target.

Money: A close friend is thinking of proposing a business deal that could make you a lot of money. If he does, don't let friendship affect your decision.

Health: Pills and surgery do wonders to fight off illness, but faith and a positive attitude can go a long

Card No. 1: Ace of Cups
ACCEPTANCE

Love: If you're single, you'll finally meet your soul mate by relaxing and letting love find you. If committed, give your partner a break from nagging and your needs will be met.

Money: Stop obsessing about the stock market and your retirement portfolio. Leave your money alone and it will grow, especially if you don't spend frivolously.

Health: You'll find patience pays off when it comes to your health. Stick with your plan and don't let

Card No. 2: 9 of Cups
TRANQUILITY

Love: Celebrate the wonderful peace that has emerged in all of your relationships, but beware of complacency. This tranquil period will not last long — don't take it for granted.

Money: A major bill comes due this month, but if you stay calm and use your head it won't throw off your finances. Avoid borrowing money.

Health: Calm your spirit with a relaxing massage or aromatherapy. Or just find a quiet space and enjoy the

Card No. 4: Magician
STORM CLOUDS

Love: If committed, you'll face a stormy period of doubt and regret — but it could end up making you stronger. If single, you can soothe your loneliness by focusing less on romance.

Money: If you saved for a rainy day you'll be glad you did, because it's starting to sprinkle! Financial woes are on the horizon. Start pinching pennies now.

Health: Stress, poor eating habits and lack of exercise will soon catch up to you. If you don't, chances

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COUPLES WHO MAKE LOVE IN THE MORNING STAY MARRIED LONGER!

IF THE BEST part of waking up is Folger's [illegible] in your cup, you're missing out — it should be whoopee in bed marriage, experts say!

A new university study shows that couples who usually perform their marital duties first thing in the a.m. are five times as likely to remain married after 16 years than couples who postpone romance to the end of the day.

"Making love when you're fresh and full of energy tends to have a more satisfying result than doing it at night when you're worn out," a researcher explains.

"A single instance of falling asleep during a lovemaking session can cause a marriage to crumble."

WORLD'S WORST CAR THIEF FALLS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

A DOPEY thief ripped off a car then celebrated his triumph by getting behind the wheel for a few hours at the side of the road.

He was out like a light when police arrived on the scene, where, surrounded by the car's contents, he was sleeping off a mighty overdose of stupidity.

The unwitting car thief was in such a drunken stupor that he failed to realize even when police pulled him from the car that he was stealing from the cops who were pulling the strings on the whole sting.

Finally, however, after the police and the injured motorist who arrested him in the first place explained, according to the local newspaper *Goteborg-posten*,

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Then here's some great news! A magazine is offering readers the chance to win a holiday with a tribe of jungle cannibals on Papua New Guinea!

The lucky winner of a contest sponsored by the British mag *Zoo Weekly* will be whisked off for a free two-week vacation to the remote island, where they'll share in all the wild fun with the notorious headhunters.

The winner and three friends or relatives they haven't met will be invited to join the tribe on a visit among the cave-age islanders and be taken to the picturesque, exciting places that only a small number of tourists ever get to see.

Better news still, whoever wins the contest will join him for free — although he should be prepared to share the romantic vacation with someone else who's going along to...

"They've always been friendly to me," the Down man said in an interview.

"They all have wonderful personalities, even in their poverty and when they're walking half-naked through the jungle."

According to experts, the cannibals don't like the flavor of Westerners and are unlikely to eat visitors unless they're under their spell or they're drunk.

To enter the competition, readers have to send the magazine a recent photo and a letter explaining in 15 words or less why they deserve the free trip to...

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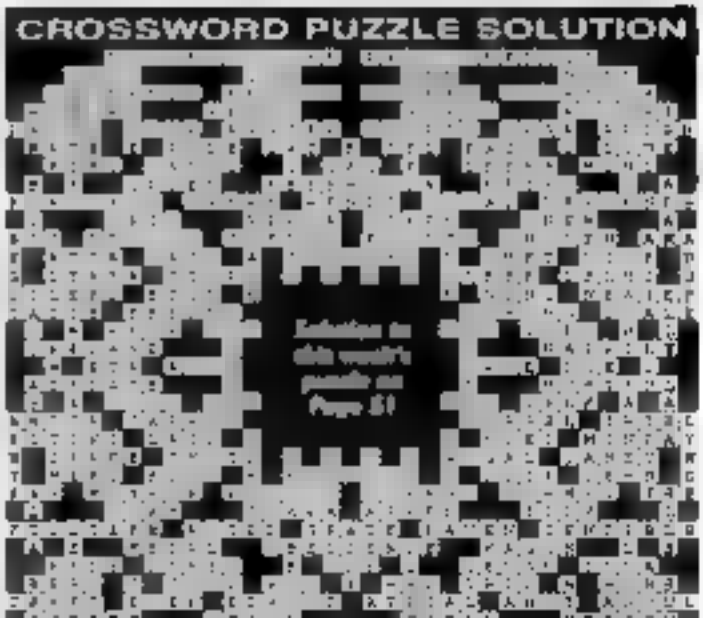


ARIES

March 21 – April 19

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

DO YOU find yourself alone and looking for love? A man wearing a skimpy thong swimsuit whom you meet May 3 leads you to your soul mate — perhaps you will wish you'd never looked in his direction, but in the end you won't regret his introducing you to that sexy someone you'll spend the rest of your life with. Married Rams get some unusual love advice during the full moon's travels through the sky May 4. If you dare follow it, this could lead to a more harmonious home life — and the hottest sex you've experienced in quite some time. A relative visiting from afar brings interesting news May 15. Lunar influences favor a friendship turning to love after May 28.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

THIS MAY 7 promise of an old lady who [illegible] will [illegible] waiting for her to [illegible] She comes from a long line of [illegible] Lottery [illegible] May [illegible] sure you [illegible] your tickets somewhere safe. [illegible] like a safe-deposit box. A job after you get [illegible] could lead to a big [illegible] A trip to a discount store or mall leads to [illegible] May 22. A [illegible] read the fine print.

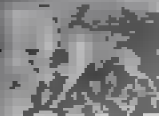
STASH THAT LOTTERY TICKET IN A SAFE PLACE

VIM AND VIGOR

HAS SWIMSUIT shopping early in May plunged you into a deep depression — and filled you with a deeper desire to slim down? The influence of Mercury on Rams in May provides the willpower you'll [redacted] to substitute tofu for Twinkies, and you'll find it easy to diet all month. Al- though the suggested by a co-worker May 18 sounds easy, it could lead to injury. Get extra sleep after May 20. Partying with friends May 22 sounds like a great way to blow off some steam, but don't accept any cocktails from a fellow guest wearing a green shirt or blouse — unless you want an extremely em-

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20



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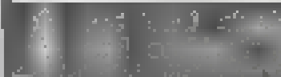

[illegible] You could land in the [illegible] and suffer [illegible] of [illegible] The new moon's influ- ence May 17 promises romantic [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] May 29.

[illegible]

FINANCIAL luck finds you at home May 4, when a ringing telephone heralds the welcome news of an inheritance or other unexpected windfall. But watch out for a credit-card crook could steal your wallet right out from under your nose on May 9, a good day to keep your eyes peeled for odd behavior. Lunar aspects attract bargains to Bulls May 14, and you could save big on appliances or large pieces of furniture then. But be sure to leave your check book and credit cards at home May 24, when a fast-talking salesman with a large mole on his cheek could convince you to overspend on a luxury.

BE CAREFUL TRYING TO IMPRESS SOMEONE

VIM AND VIGOR

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...ROSCOPE

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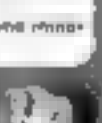

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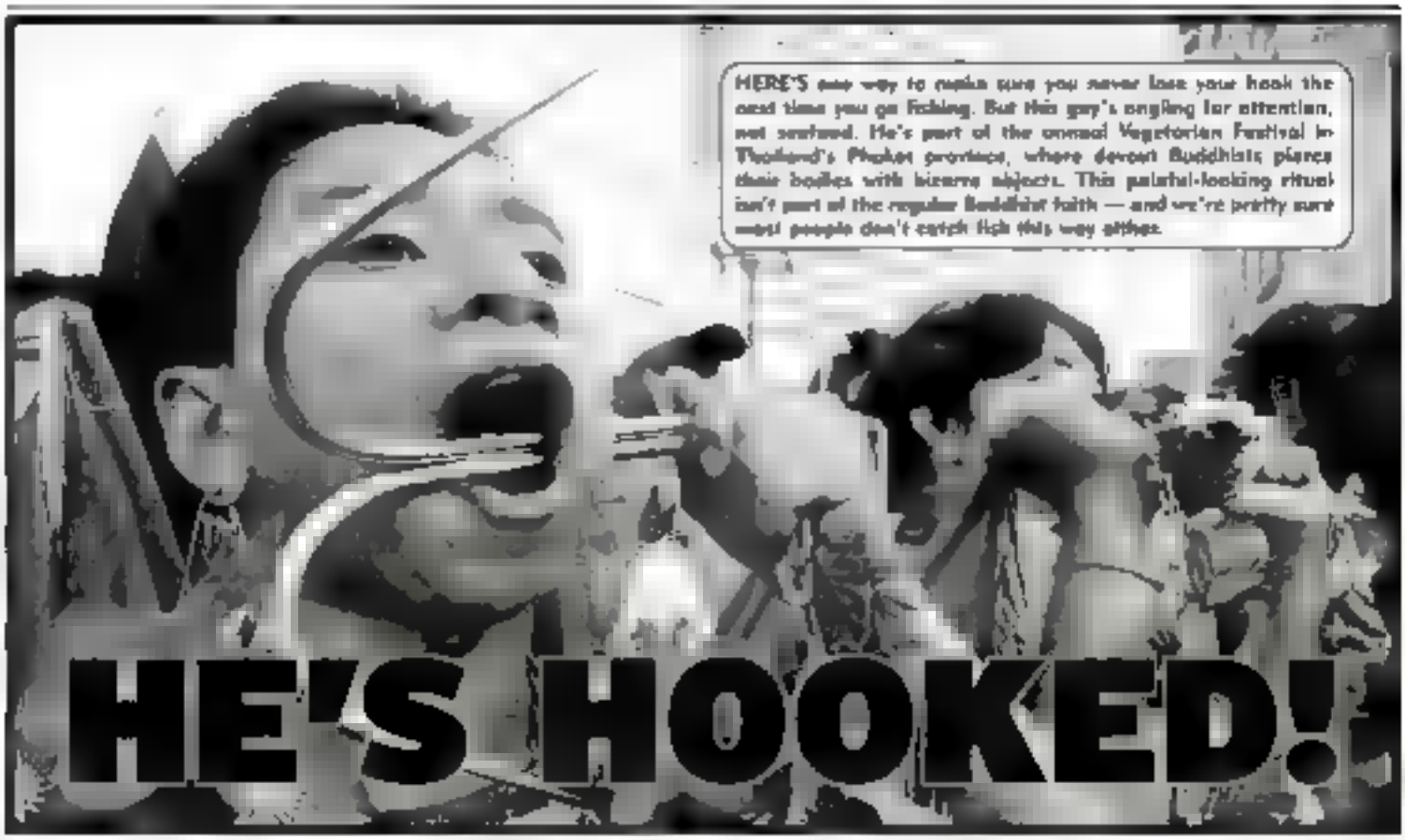

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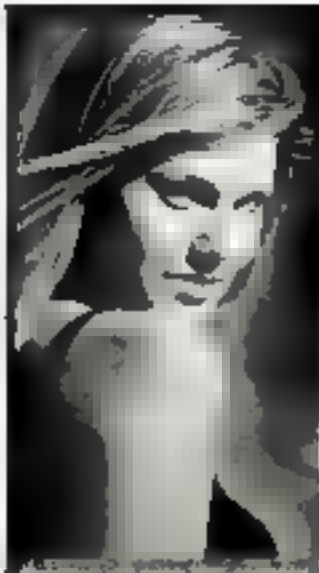

April
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YOUR WEEKLY

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ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

The inconsistencies in a friend's treatment of you this week compel you to reevaluate the relationship.

You may be feeling rejected, but you know better.

Spend your leisure time with compatible friends. Take a walk with your partner and you'll feel better.

Watch for a chance encounter at the grocery store for some good news.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

A lot of loving and a sympathetic attitude this week will be needed to help your partner through a difficult period. Your time won't be wasted.

Watch the mail for news that could result in an addition to your bank account.

Be wary of a learning battle with your boss. Avoid driving on bad weather if possible.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Get ready for a fresh start this week if you are single.

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Yellow is your lucky color. Be careful driving on even-numbered days this week and get enough rest.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

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Cut back except where love is concerned.

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LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

Concentrate on travel, family responsibilities and dealing with the details this week.

Be prepared for a message from one who appears to be out to do you harm.

Read between the lines before responding. It will save you an embarrassing moment.

On the weekend, a chance encounter leads to romance.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

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ARIES
March 21 – April 19

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SIZZLING SEX

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BAG$ O' BUCK$

T[illegible] 7 promise [illegible] lady who [illegible] persuade to include you in her will is forward, but don't sit around waiting for her to kick the bucket. She comes from a long line of centenarians and could end up living for a long, long time. Lottery luck peaks May 15, but make sure you stash your tickets somewhere safe. Like a safe-deposit box. A job offer you get via [illegible] May 10 could lead to a big increase in your income. A trip to a distant [illegible] leads to significant savings May 22. A [illegible] you sign with [illegible] on May 29 [illegible] but read the fine print.

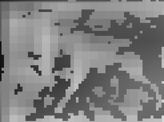
STASH THAT LOTTERY TICKET IN A SAFE PLACE

VIM AND VIGOR

HAS SWIMSUIT shopping early in May plunged you into a deep depression — and filled you with a deeper desire to slim down? The influence of Mercury [redacted] Rams in May provides the willpower [redacted] need to substitute tofu for Twinkies, and you'll find it easy to diet all month. Although the exercise routine suggested by a coworker May 14 [illegible] easy, it could lead to injury. Get extra sleep after May 20. Partying with friends May 22 sounds like a great way to blow off some steam, but don't accept any cocktails from a fellow guest wearing a green shirt or blouse — unless you want an extremely embarrassing morning after.

TAURUS
April 20 – May 20

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY



SIZZLING SEX

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FINANCIAL luck finds you at home May 4, when a ringing telephone heralds the welcome news of an inheritance or other unexpected windfall. But watch out, for a credit card crook could steal your wallet right out from under your nose on May 9, a good day to keep your eyes peeled for odd behavior. Lunar aspects attract bargains to Bulls May 14, and you could save big on appliances or large pieces of furniture then. But be sure to leave your check book and credit cards at home May 24, when a fast-talking salesman with a large mole on his cheek could convince you to overspend on a luxury.

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GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

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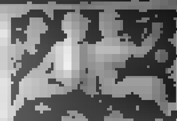


SIZZLING SEX

RELATIONSHIPS are harmonious in May, and married Twins enjoy a romantic getaway at a couples-only resort then. Single? Ignore the love advice a well-intentioned co-worker offers May 9 or you could stay that way for a long time! An incident involving an exploding bottle of soda and a favorite article of light-colored clothing is highly embarrassing during the sun's visit to your sign May 20, but there's a silver lining in this cloud of cola — and it leads you to passion with a quick-moving Aries child. Marrieds, avoid getting drawn into a love triangle with a neighbor on May 21. Some singles get a marriage proposal May 30.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

ALTHOUGH [illegible] week of May could keep you feeling [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] and skills [illegible] you could [illegible] yourself [illegible] A job opportunity you get May 13 that's linked to food supplements isn't exactly what it seems. Some Twins decide to [illegible] May 24 thanks to the insightful advice of a female neighbor [illegible] [illegible] on May 26.

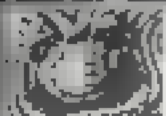
GIVE IN TO YOUR URGE TO BE A SLUG

VIM AND VIGOR

ALTHOUGH exercising is important for both health and energy, go ahead and give in to your urges to turn into a slug in early May, when working out could end in an injury disaster. There's a lot to be said for just recharging the batteries, after all — and when your down time is over, you'll be raring to go! Watch those impulsive tendencies, however, especially when a new hairstyle is suggested by a [illegible] stylist [illegible] 17 — are you sure you're ready for this daring 'do? Schedule a dental checkup in the middle of the month to head off tooth trouble. Lunar influences provide an energy boost to Twins late in the month — make the most of it!

CANCER

June 21 – July 22



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SIZZLING SEX

LOVE finds single and searching Crabs May [illegible] [illegible] at a pig roast. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is she happy at home? Accept the last-minute invitation that arrives May 21. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fiction.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

TRAVELING by taxi could lead to a cash windfall during the first week of May — although your big toe's encounter with a tire tread is quite painful, it'll pay off. Saturn and Mars join forces in Cancer on May 7, attracting wealth. But the promise of a salesperson you encounter [illegible] while shopping on May 16 isn't reliable and could lead to loss. A job opportunity linked to an application you submitted several months ago leads to a higher income after the moon joins Mars and Saturn in your sign May 19. Give generously to the one-legged panhandler you meet May 27 — karma will reward you well.

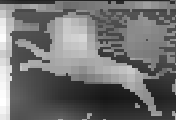
BE GENEROUS WITH A ONE-LEGGED PANHANDLER

VIM AND VIGOR

CRABS are fit as a fiddle early in May, a good time to take up a new exercise program and try another reducing diet. Be diplomatic when a co-worker suggests your partner go on a weight-loss plan [illegible] better than they are, and it could lead to jealousy and other problems [illegible] the job. Take steps to stay cool on May 17, when slippery, sweaty palms could lead to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] May 24 [illegible] [illegible] hydrat[illegible]

LEO

July 23 – August 22



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SIZZLING SEX

THE FULL MOON on May 1 attracts romance to Lions, and singles meet someone sexy then while stuck waiting not-so-patiently in a long line. Could the one [redacted] lets you [redacted] ahead be your mate? You'll learn the answer by the end of the month. But if you're dining on May 13, watch out — a pointless little argument over a badly cooked meal could end with your best china broken and glasses smashed — the ones on your head, not in your cupboard. For heaven's sake — just bite your tongue and eat the food. It's not worth the massive headache you'll end up with! Mercury could add another member to the family late in the month.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

YOUR FINANCES could be stretched [illegible] in May [illegible] lurking in your wallet. But a trip [illegible] a horseshoe on May 17 could wind up giving you cash to spare. Although a bargain tempts you May 25, consider the long-term maintenance costs before plunking down your hard-earned cash on something you just don't need [illegible] May 28 [illegible] lottery ticket May 25, and be sure to use a [illegible] your date of birth.

THAT LAKE MIGHT BE FILLED WITH LEECHES

VIM AND VIGOR

LATE spring's sunshine enhances the Lion child's vitality, and you're energetic and strong in May. And swimming season's an excellent time for building fitness. However, be careful not to dip in an unfamiliar lake May 18 — it could be filled with leeches, and you could get stuck in something you can't wriggle out of. Schedule dental and vision checkups after May 23. A health habit you read about May 28 leads to long-term strength gains. Double-check all expiration dates on the labels of both food and prescription drugs, or you may find yourself with some serious health problems. Avoid eating poultry or rare beef on Memorial Day.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

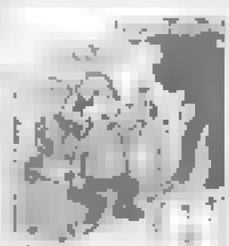
YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

SINGLE and mingling Virgos [illegible] May 28.

[illegible]

PLUTO retrograde early in May stirs up chaos for you Virgos, making this the time to check accounts with care and keep a close eye on your finances. A job or investment suggested by a neighbor May 14 is at best immoral and at worst illegal — keep out of this investment unless you want to spend some time in the hoosegow — or Hell! A gift is linked to an increase in your income May 21. Be sure to read the fine print before putting your John Hancock on the dotted line on May 23. A flea market find you spot May 29 isn't as big a bargain as it seems — think twice and shop wisely.



A BULL MAY HAVE EVIL INTENTIONS

VIM AND VIGOR

VIRGOS suffer fatigue early in May, and making time for rest and relaxation is a must. Your friends will understand — they may even welcome the break [illegible]

LIBRA

September 23 — October 22

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

THE INFLUENCE of Uranus in May stirs up bedlit love and lust for Librans, and you could find yourself in difficulties over what seems like an innocent flirtation with a co-worker on May 7. Are you single and searching? Love lurks at a bus stop and wears leopard print — you'll meet on May 15. An old friend's request seems harmless May 19 but if you value your reputation don't get involved — they're really trying to see if their significant other is capable of cheating, and you, my friend, are the bait. Married, you must remember to draw your curtains May 28 or the neighbors are going to learn a little more [illegible] you [illegible] them to.

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VIM AND VIGOR

A DEEP, dark tan is certain to improve your appearance, but Librans must avoid a burn on May 3 and May 9. When your stars indicate you're highly vulnerable to solar rays. Health advice you get from a midget on May 12 has more to do with her home business selling supplements than with your wellbeing, and you can safely ignore it. But don't [illegible] the old friend you run into, who's [illegible] into an enormously obese soul since you last met — it's a not-so-subtle hint that you could stand to get into a [illegible] and [illegible] off a few of your own [illegible] pounds. Keep [illegible] from the [illegible] and cuddly critter you spot in your yard May 28.

SCORPIO

October 23 — November 21

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

C[illegible]

[illegible]

BEWARE of crooks and con men during the planetary opposition May 7: Scorpion child — they could be after your cash. Although you could be tempted to save money by making a home or auto repair yourself May 9, your stars indicate this could lead to an expensive disaster [illegible] costs [illegible] than a professional's fix would have. And in some Scorpions it could lead to legal trouble, too. Gambling at the races May 21 leads to a big win, but avoid betting on games of chance on the 23th, when you could lose it all again. A job opportunity on May 29 is linked to a runaway shopping cart.

LET A PROFESSIONAL MAKE THE REPAIRS

VIM AND VIGOR

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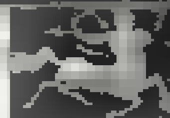
SAGITTARIUS

November 22 — December 21



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MEN, are you hoping to meet that special lady? Someone oh-so-sexy that you bump into on May 2 seems perfect, but watch out! She could really be a he — and wise Archers should proceed with caution. Married Archers could take in a needy relative May 9, but make sure to lay down ground rules or you could soon wish you'd never been so generous. Archers still single on May 15 find love at a junkyard after [redacted] to go [redacted] a [redacted] track down a car part. Friendship with a foreigner could lead to travel May 22. Romance and a sexy surprise thrills both single and married Archers during the planetary seattle May 26.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

BE ON your guard for a co-worker's de[illegible] on May [illegible] or you could get [illegible] holding the bag — and you could also be the one who gets in big trouble with your boss. Married Archers could decide to buy or sell property on May [illegible], but ignore the [illegible] pricing advice you get from a neighbor with hairless legs you meet for the first time May [illegible] — he's not the real [illegible] expert [illegible] [illegible] to be. A [illegible] career opportunity [illegible] tied to a [illegible] colleague [illegible] you meet May [illegible]. Your [illegible] on May [illegible]. This could be a great day to enter a contest that [illegible] your musical ability.

VIM AND VIGOR

STRETCH-WAISTED pants definitely aren't the solution to weight gain, Archer child. You should try the reducing diet suggested by a friend on May 3 instead. By the end of the month you'll be able to slide right into those too-tight jeans once [redacted], and you may even need a smaller [redacted]. When desserts tempt you to stray from your plan, give yourself a fat-free treat such as a massage, a manicure or a pedicure — or all three! [redacted]-month is the perfect time to add daily exercise to your routine — try a water sport like [redacted] or [redacted] for [redacted]. Don't [redacted] under an occupied [redacted] May 28 or you [redacted] a head injury.

CAPRICORN

December 22 — January 19

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

LOVE could be [illegible] for Goats [illegible] May 13 — could the [illegible] darling [illegible] May 24 [illegible] May 29.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

AN ENCOUNTER with a bag lady and a yapping pup could lead to cash gain via something you find that's just lying on the ground May 7. An investment that you make May 11 promises to return huge dividends within a month, but could lead to loss — investigate the company before you start writing any checks. Avoid loaning cash to a neighbor with many obnoxious children May 19, unless you can afford to kiss it goodbye. A new job opportunity that lands in your mailbox during the planetary [illegible] May 28 sounds too good to be true, but has incredible potential to lead you to great future wealth.

VIM [illegible] VIGOR

CAPRICORN children are often stubborn as a billy goat, but disregarding your doctor's advice [illegible] May could have serious medical consequences. It's time to change your habits — or else — and [illegible] that. Wardrobe ad[illegible] co-worker who [illegible] large and [illegible] neighbor will [illegible] to start jogging [illegible] speed [illegible] cute, but be careful of overdoing it just to impress your new [illegible] that involves sharp objects [illegible] May 30.

AQUARIUS

January 20 — February 18

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

MORE romance is a must for marrieds in May — pack all the kids off to camp or Grandma's house, and carve out some much-needed time alone together. If this involves any items that begin with the letter L, like lobster, lingerie or lust, so much the better. Single and seeking Aquarians find love with a gorgeous German you meet while out stargazing near water May 14. But don't gaze so deeply into each other's eyes that you fall in. Are you still single May 26? A friend's innocent request is actually an attempt to fix you up with someone she believes you're meant to be with — but your stars say you're definitely not.

BAG$ O' BUCK$

AQUARIANS could find cash on the [illegible] — if you suspect he has criminal intent, it's

RETURN THE WAD OF CASH YOU FIND

VIM AND VIGOR

AN ARTICLE you read on May 1 guides Aquarians toward an unusual cure for a troubling health symptom — if you've got the nerve to [illegible] it. Avoiding flowering bushes is a must May [illegible], when you're prone to an embarrassing bee sting on extremely tender skin. Seek a second opinion or even a third before going under the knife of a plastic surgeon, especially if it involves implanting anything in your body. If you do decide to go for it, make sure you're doing it to please yourself — not for others. Some Aquarians are glum on May 28, but spending a few hours outdoors in summer's bright sunshine will lift your mood.

PISCES

February 19 — March 20

YOUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPE FOR MAY

SIZZLING SEX

A LOVELY [illegible] could catch a spouse in a compromising position [illegible] May 11. Married [illegible] the year

BAG$ O' BUCK$

CHEATING on a job application or tax form could seem like a good idea at the time on May 3, but if you'd prefer to remain unencumbered by legal hassles don't do it. Dining in a fancy restaurant with friends or co-workers May 14 could lead to a cash [illegible] after a nasty incident involving hot soup and a mouthful of gay water. Lottery luck peaks May 18, when your stars line up perfectly for some sort of win. A significant pay raise or promotion May 24 could be connected to a transfer overseas, but be sure you consult with family before accepting the offer or trouble could erupt at home.

NEW LOVE WILL WEAR A SKIMPY BIKINI

VIM AND VIGOR

A [illegible] the greens instead

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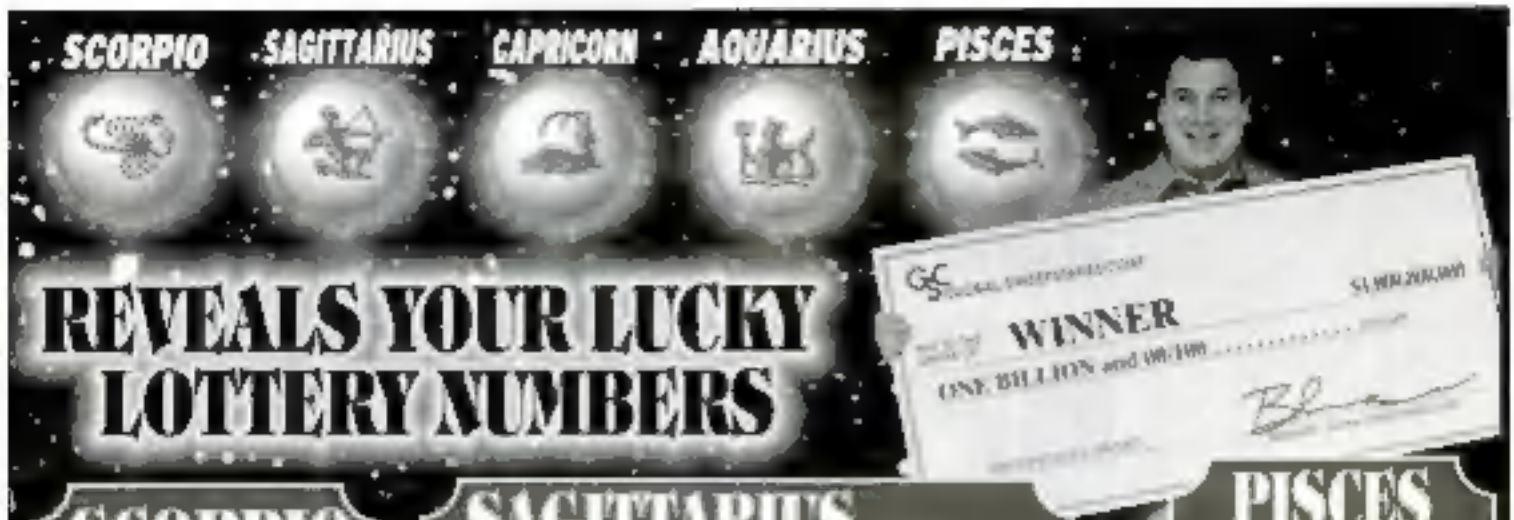

REVEALS YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS

SCORPIO
OCT. 23 – NOV. 21

Place the bills you've set aside for your lottery luck into a mirrored makeup compact, and then place this between two small mirrors. Tie the mirrors together, then place them on a table near the entrance of your home. This will symbolically increase your winnings exponentially, guaranteeing a lottery jackpot. However, you must be extremely careful when taking the mirrors apart, because breaking one or both shatters not only the mirrors but all hope of winning a jackpot!

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS: 10-18-23-28-41-49

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 22 – DEC. 21

Silver and gold are powerful attractants for lottery luck, but unfortunately you need a cash jackpot to buy them — a real Catch 22. Try this trick instead. Archer child: Buy two small containers of silver and gold leaf at an art supply store. Cut a cardboard box into round coin shapes, then apply the leafing to the cardboard. Stash these coins in various places around your house to draw prosperity. Just don't try to buy tickets or feed a parking meter with your cardboard coins.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS: 16-22-29-34-38-41

AQUARIUS
JAN. 20 – FEB. 18

In some countries, obesity is seen as a sign of a prosperous home, and Aquarians can harness the power of the gadget to attract lottery winnings. Collect photos of fat people from magazines, newspapers and your own albums. Glue the photos to a poster board, then hang this in the left rear corner of your home. Thumbtack a month's supply of dollar bills on the board, removing them only to purchase lottery tickets. Starve your accounts with fatties.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS: 12-27-35-39-41-44

PISCES
FEB. 19 – MAR. 20

Purple — the color of royalty and wealth — attracts lottery luck to Pisceans. You can harness the power of purple in several ways. With a felt marker, draw a purple line down the center of the bills you intend to use to buy tickets. Drive around until you spot a convenience store with a purple logo or a purple sign in the window and purchase your tickets there. Paint your fingernails (or toenails if you're male) purple — or if you're really daring (or really need to) tint dye a purple streak in your hair. Then sit back and wait for purple power to work its lottery magic.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS: 3-9-18-24-28-36

LIBRA
SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22

The Libran's lottery luck is strongest on the day of the week, and hour of the day, during which you were born. For example, if you were born at 11 p.m. on a Tuesday, buy your tickets then. Although heading out in the middle of the night could be onerous for those born in the wee hours, the rewards of wealth, luxury and relaxation a winning ticket will bring are certainly worth it. But here's a safety hint. If you're buying tickets late at night, take a friend along and stay out of dangerous neighborhoods.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS:

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Always practical, Goats are sensible and well-grounded, linked inexorably to the earth beneath your feet. You can enhance your lottery luck by planting the bills you intend to use for your tickets under a yellow or orange flowered plant. On this at midnight on the night of the full moon for enhanced luck. Leave the money there until the next full moon, then dig it up and purchase your tickets. Here's a hint: Wrap the money in plastic before burying it and make sure you mark the bush, or you could end up digging holes all over your yard looking for the cash.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS:

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

Solution to this week's puzzle on Page 53

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Worried DC cops prepare for...

MILLION BEHEMOTH MARCH

By HELENE STARR
Correspondent

A stampede could kill and injure thousands, says officer

"ANYTHING, even a loud noise or sudden rainstorm, could start a stampede that could kill and injure thousands."

That's the warning that worried cops in Washington have issued as they try to head off a proposed Million Behemoth March on the nation's capital that's slated for late summer.

Jelly bellies from around the country plan to descend on the district to demand better health care for the obese and cheaper junk food — and also call for the federal government to force McDonald's to restore supersizing.

"The danger of a massive and deadly stampede is a real possibility," says a D.C. cop working on strategies to stop the march or, if that's not possible, at least try to control it.

"It will only take one nut to yell 'Free Twinkies!' or 'Does somebody want a piece of pie?' through a megaphone. After the dust clears, all we'd be able to do is count the dead."

President Bush has expressed concern over the potential for an embarrassing food-related bloodbath in an election year and is said to be talking to his fellow ranchers in Texas about importing some seasoned cowboys to help out with crowd control.

"The president says the most dangerous time will come at night, when the herd gets hungry and restless," says a White House spokesman.

"A flash of lightning or the sound of a dropped Ho Ho could set them running.

"Uncorralled, they might range as far as Virginia or Maryland before settling down.

"And they'd be working up a powerful appetite — even more so than usual."

The question of how to feed the group is not one that's easily answered, says the source.

And the organizers of the march — the notorious, Los Angeles-based Big and Tall Panthers fat-advocacy group — fully expect the government to provide the massive quantities of grub that will be required to keep one million fatties full during the week-long protest.

And they want variety in their menus, too.

In fact, they're demanding that either private enterprise or the government itself open "at least 100 new all-you-care-to-eat buffeterias and just as many fast-food restaurants" to handle the hungry crowds who are expected to huff and puff and waddle their way into Washington from every state.

"Nobody has to worry about a stampede if we have easy access to food and plenty to eat," says spokeswoman Marge Klinderman.

"We can keep everybody calm as long as we don't run short and the selections are good, and we don't want any of that low-carb crap.

FAT PEOPLE are becoming increasingly aggressive — which is why police have an organized group of a million of them!

fried chicken and fish, ice cream, pies, and those cupcakes with the pink icing and candy sprinkles all over the top that I like so much — that's a good start.

"And diet pills. A lot of us are going to want diet pills, too, because contrary to what a lot of people think, we're watching our weight.

"We can't help it if we have a slow metabolism or thyroid problems."

D.C. cops seriously doubt Klinderman's assertion that the group can be kept under control with food, no matter how hot, hearty and delicious it is.

"Just two weeks ago there was a 'fat pride' buffet meeting in Minneapolis and 14 people were trampled when word got out that the caterer was running low on prime rib and jumbo shrimp and would have to limit guests to three trips back for more," says one crowd-control expert on the D.C. force.

"That happened with just 70 well-heeled — and well fed — women in a meeting room.

"Can you imagine what would happen with one million of them on

STARS WHO LET THEMSELVES GO

WE ALL know people who have gained weight over the years. Most likely we ourselves don't even fit into the clothes that we were 10 years ago. But some people really just let themselves go. Here are some of the most famous cases of once-fine sex symbols who packed on the pounds.

FIRST ISLAMIC REALITY TV SHOW CANCELED

THE FIRST-EVER Arab reality TV show has been canceled after outraged Islamic fundamentalists charged it was too risqué!

The Middle East Broadcast Center pulled the plug on the popular show *Al-Hawa Sawa (On Air Together)*, after protests in Bahrain where it was being filmed.

Many religious conservatives accused MBC of airing indecent material, such as the inadvertent display of a bare ankle by one of the show's veiled beauties.

The TV series featured eight young women from around the Arab world who met potential suitors at an apartment.

Critics condemned the show for undermining traditional Islamic values, including the ban on physical contact between the sexes before marriage.

Some viewers also suspected three of the women were smoking, another no-no for good Arab gals.

GAL AUCTIONS VIRGINITY ON INTERNET

A [redacted] college coed auctioned off her virginity on the Internet and has landed in legal hot water.

Cops are investigating an 18-year-old University student for possible violation of British law, BBC News Online reports.

The cash-strapped girl put her maidenhead up for grabs to the highest bidder to avoid graduating with too much student loan debt. And according to her Web site, she "closed the sale" after receiving a generous bid of 1,400 British pounds, roughly $15,310 in U.S. money.

Police, who've never encountered a similar case before, aren't sure whether the sexy Londoner can be charged with prostitution.

"It's a strange one because it's a gray area," a spokesman for

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